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## THE SITUATION IN CHINA

### FOREIGN SECRETARY AND SAFETY OF BRITISH WOMEN

### WARSHIPS IN CANTON

### HAVE BRITISH TROOPS A SALUTARY EFFECT?

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Arthur Henderson said that he had no information on the situation in China additional to his reply on December 9, except that the majority of British and American women and children in Nanking arrived at Shanghai safely on December 9.

Sir Kingsley Wood asked if the presence of British forces had a salutary effect, and if the position were improving.

Mr. Henderson replied that he had no evidence on which to base such a conclusion, and added that the note from the Commander on December 9 said that things were very much quieter. Further questioned, Mr. Henderson said that he had received no official reports of raids by Chinese troops or aircraft over Soviet territory. According to his information, Soviet troops had advanced to Chalahor, Soviet gunboats raided Fuchin, and Soviet aircraft bombed Fuktu.

Replying to a question in regard to the Canton fighting, Mr. Henderson stated that there were five warships on the West River patrol, three of which were at Canton. The remainder were disposed in accordance with the situation. Arrangements had been made to provide for military reinforcements, if necessary.—Reuter.

### CONSULS TO ENQUIRE

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A report from Harbin states that for the purpose of ascertaining the situation to the west of Khingan, especially the condition of the non-Chinese residents, from whom no reliable news has been received for almost a month, an international train, carrying American, British, Japanese, French and German Consuls is scheduled to leave Harbin en route to Manchuli on Dec. 13.

Tsai Yun-sheng left Pogranichnaya en route to Harbovsk on Wednesday afternoon.—Reuter.

### RECENT FIGHTING

Rugby, Yesterday.

Answering a question in Parliament, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson, said that he had no news of any recent fighting in the Canton area, but on December 8 National Government troops, who had been occupying the defence line some 30 miles from the city, were reported to be falling back.

Canton was reported quiet on that date, with no signs of local disruption.

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### PANIC IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A small Communist demonstration on the outskirts of the French Settlement this morning was dispersed by the French police, with nine arrests.

Following a 'rumour' that Communists intended to attack Shangha North Railway Station, martial law was declared in Chapel, and people in the streets were searched.

Chinese police attempting to disperse the crowds fired in the air, and a small panic ensued, many refugees streaming into the International Settlement.

An emergency squad of Shanghai Municipal Police turned out, but their services were not required. The boundary gates were closed for half an hour.

Nanking is reported calm, and residents are pursuing their usual routine duties.—Reuter.

### LEADERS DETERMINED

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The position, so far as appears to be gathered here, appears to be that Government leaders in Nanking, after a deliberation decided not to give up without fighting, and it has previously been thought

### CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT

The annual Christmas Supplement of the "China Mail" will be included in our issue of Saturday.

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least temporarily, partly owing to the fact that Ho Chien, controlling Hunan, with twenty subordinate generals, has issued a circular declaring for peace. This presumably means that he will remain neutral and not join the attack on Hankow.

Also Chen Tiao-yuen is still adhering to the Government, and sending troops to the Southern Shantung border to prevent the Shih Yu-san rebels entering Shantung.

The Nanking Government claims that Chen Tiao-yuen intends to attack Shih Yu-san's rear.

Shanghai continues quiet. One thousand loyal troops of the Fifth Division arrived yesterday, but the authorities are taking precautions.

British troops, while not confined to barracks, are not allowed farther towards the town than the racecourse.

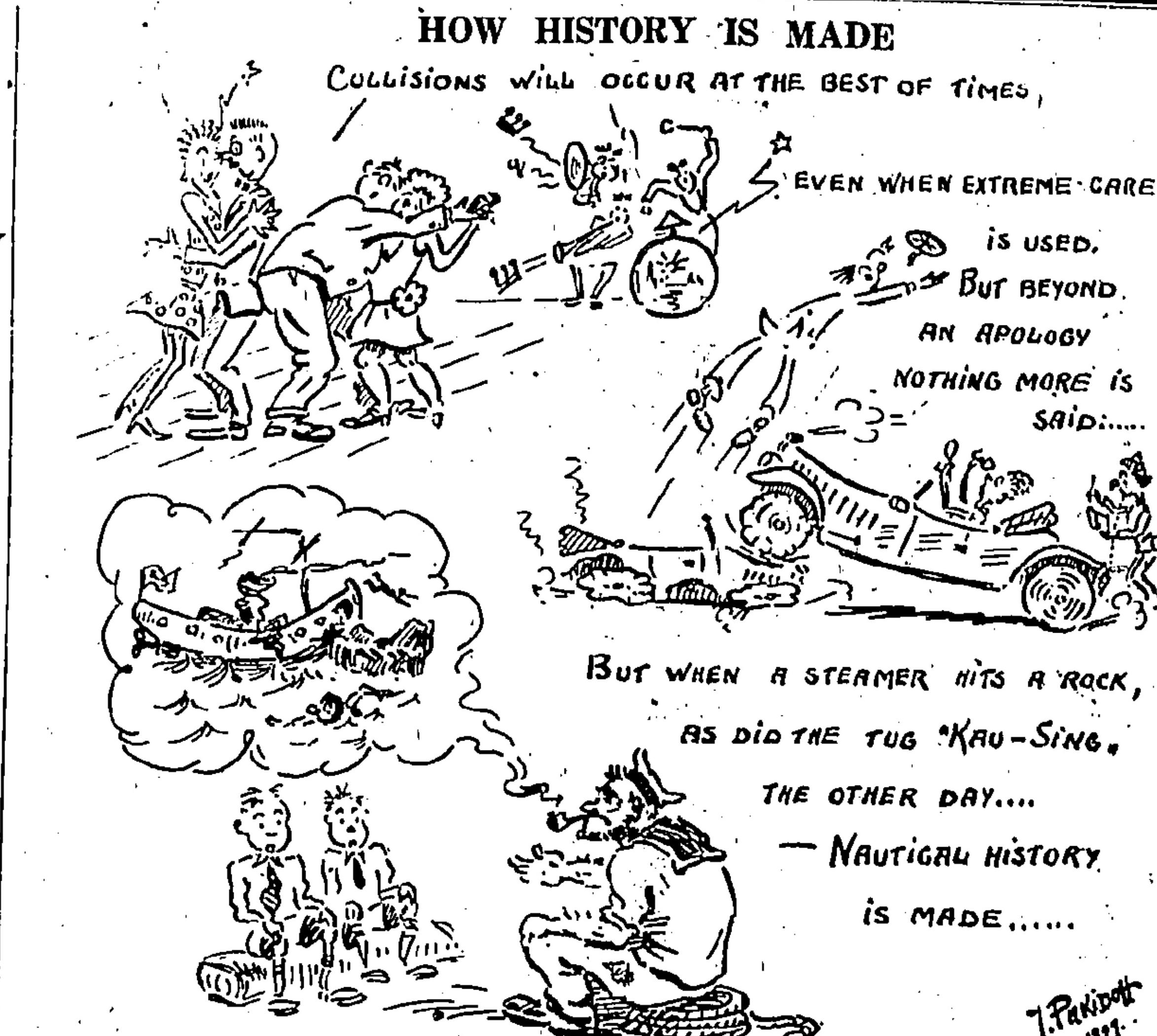
### COMPROMISE SOUGHT

Hankow, Yesterday.

The situation locally continues very quiet. Confidence is being strengthened by the assurances of loyalty received from various minor generals in Hunan. It now seems that Tang Seng-chi's defection will not prove a serious embarrassment to the Government, and it is declared that Tang is already seeking a compromise.

The Ichang situation is gradually returning to normal, and the rebels have been driven far inland.—Reuter.

Mr. John H. Whitaker, editor of the "Chinese Guardian," has severed his connection with the paper.



### HAICHING PIRACY SEQUEL

#### TRADITIONS OF MERCANTILE MARINE

#### VICE-ADMIRAL'S TRIBUTE

H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, China Station (Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Walstall, K.C.B.) has received the following despatch from the Admiralty:

"Admiralty have noted with admiration the gallantry of the Captain, officers and crew of the s.s. 'Haiching' in successfully overcoming the attempted piracy of their vessel and request you to convey this message to her owners."

"The timely action of destroyers 'Sterling' and 'Sirdar' is also most satisfactory."

From Commander-in-Chief

The Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., owners of the "Haiching," have received the following from the Chief of Staff to H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, China Station (Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Walstall, K.C.B.):

"Gentlemen—I have pleasure in informing you that I have received instructions from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to convey to you their thanks for the gallantry displayed by Capt. O. H. Farrar, officers and crew of the s.s. 'Haiching' in successfully overcoming the attempted piracy of their vessel on December 8, 1929."

The Commander-in-Chief himself wrote:

"Gentlemen—I desire to express my admiration of the gallant stand made by Captain O. H. Farrar and the officers and crew of your steamer 'Haiching' when attacked by internal pirates in the early hours of Sunday, December 8, 1929. I feel that their successful resistance will have a strong deterrent effect against any further attempts at piracy."

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In conclusion, I shall be grateful if you will convey to Captain Farrar and his officers my congratulations on their very gallant and successful defence."

Mr. Perry, the Chief Officer, is progressing satisfactorily.

Piracy Guards Urged to Remain

London, Yesterday.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the P. & O. Steamship Company, Lord Incheape said that there seemed every prospect of a successful future for pulverized coal, especially in cargo steamers. If present experiments proved satisfactory, they might be forced, for reasons of economy, to adopt it in passenger as well as cargo steamers.

Referring to the unrest in China which he said was militating against a revival of trade there, Lord Incheape read a letter from Hong Kong dealing with the piracy of a Japanese steamer from Formosa to Hong Kong on September 21. He trusted that a naval or piracy would result in a change of the position of British authorities to cease providing naval and military funds on April 1, 1930.

The outlook for trade, he said, was probably never gloomier.

The general insect situation at present being deplorable.

Things might improve,

if carelessness would have to be laid

up, as freight in almost all trades

were insufficient to cover costs of running.

—*Continued*

Admiration of Gallant Defence

At a meeting of the Shipping Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce held last evening, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

That the Shipping Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce requests that there be entered in the minutes an expression of its deep regret at the loss of life and the extensive damage sustained in the piracy of the s.s. "Haiching" on Sunday, December 8, 1929, and expresses its admiration of the gallant defence made by the personnel of the ship.

Dr. W. G. Ingleton, president of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce, presided.

Enquiries made this morning at Police Headquarters regarding the condition of the wounded men in the Government Civil Hospital

### COAL MINES BILL

#### Production Supply And Sale

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons formally passed the first reading of the Coal Mines Bill, which was introduced by Mr. William Graham to "provide for regulating and facilitating the production, supply, and sale of coal by coal owners and a temporary amendment of Section 3 of the Coal Mines Act, 1908, and the constitution and functions of the Coal Mines National Industrial Board and matters connected with these purposes."

During traffic cases before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistrate men have been lined up a dozen at a time in front of the dock without any difficulty and much time of the Court has been saved in this way. But when it comes to employing the system where ladies were concerned it did not work so smoothly, as was demonstrated this morning.

The Court interpreter had the task of mustering only seven women and it turned out to be a heart-breaking undertaking. The women were backward in answering to their names, apparently no one wishing to be the first one to come forward.

Eventually, with the assistance of the Court Sergeant and Constable, the women were placed in order, but the interpreter's difficulty was not over. Like all ladies these were reluctant to disclose their ages!

To Be Sorted Out

The Magistrate became impatient at the loss of time and directed that in future women should be "sorted out" outside the Court and then brought in.

Finally order was secured, and then the women were charged with trespassing on a Government plantation above Hatton Road, apparently with the object of cutting firewood. Everyone in Court was considerably relieved when the women chorused resignedly, "If the Police say so, let it be so!"

The Magistrate imposed fines of 5s each, or, in default, ten days' hard labour.

Then three other women were called up on a similar charge, they having been found in another part of the same plantation.

The Magistrate remarked with a sigh: "You are likely to make a mess with even these three!"

Joss favoured the interpreter this time, however. The women came forward at the first time of calling and took their allotted places in front of the deck.

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## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Boundary Measurements.	Contingent Rental.	Open Price.	
Regist. No.	Locality.	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	ft. ft.
New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1524.	Junction of Chung Shui and Main Street.	About	18,000	125
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## NOTICES.

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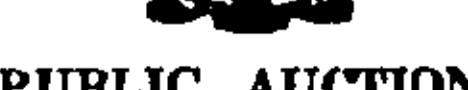
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Formerly, merely a registration fee was demanded but according to a recent order made by the Chinese authorities tax has been introduced on a tonnage basis.

A feature of the pleasing affair was the arrival on the Nagasaki Maru of Baron Fukuo, president of the N.K.K., who had come to Shanghai especially to view the craft before she starts her initial voyage to Han-

Ho expressed himself as well pleased with the product turned out by the Kiangnan Dock &amp; En-

gineering Co., and was joined by over a hundred friends of the line who after inspecting the ship proclaimed her to be one of the finest appointed ships on the Yangtze service.

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## Some Attractive Cabins

The dining saloon is finished in a fashionable and artistic manner, the side wall panelings are of five-ply oak with teak frames, the upper parts of which are covered with silk. The ceilings are panelled in five-ply brick enameled white. The fire place is of solid teak with marble hearth set in the centre with special "Magician" electric fire by the General Electric Co. of China. An imitation coal fire gives a realistic flame and smoke effect throwing out considerable heat.

The lounge and music room in design is a combination of modern and ancient classical style. The upper part of the paneling is of birch and covered with a damask tapestry and the lower paneling is of birch with teak frames painted in white enamel for lighting effect. Overhead is a large dome skylight finished in stained leaded glass with flower design.

Round this dome is arranged soft concealed strip lighting which will give a very pleasing effect. To eliminate noise the floor is covered with coloured "Rubline." The room is fitted with a grand piano, easy chairs, settees, card tables, writing desk and small chairs. A refreshment bar is arranged adjacent.

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## DEPARTURES

Per "Persons" for United Kingdom via ports, December 10.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Preese, A. J. Pilgrim, N. H. Bonham, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ward and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hodge.

Per s.s. "Assama Maru" for Shanghai, San Francisco and Los Angeles, December 11.

Mr. Garveth, Mrs. A. L. Miller, L. B. Stiles, P. U. Elbing, L. van Leeuwen, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Mack, O. Kransen, Mrs. Munthe, G. Grantham, R. E. Manders, J. Scott Harston, Miss Scott Harston, A. J. Head, Major Campbell, Mrs. M. E. Brooke, E. A. Kobza, Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Walstall, K.O.B., R.N., Pay. Capt. L. C. E. Ayre, O.B.E., R.N., Lt. D. P. Evans, R.N., Pay. Lieut. G. H. Weekes, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Waller, son and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Maxwell, D. Campbell, Mrs. A. Morrison, E. Lawer Harrison, Felix Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. G. Philip, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nordgren, L. D. da Silva, Mrs. A. Moller, Miss A. Moller, Major J. J. Carter, S. N. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. L. Regua, O. L. Whiston, George Keller, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stevens, Mrs. John Street, Mrs. Frank Longan, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Upson, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hall, Miss M. Mathison, Mrs. M. H. Crawford, B. T. Wilson, Thomas H. D. Liddick, Miss M. D. Lipay and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rubens and two daughters, Mrs. W. O. Butt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Moore, G. M. Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mitchell, B. Cooper, G. J. Beets, Mrs. M. Stokes.

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**MORE STORMY WEATHER****RIVER THAMES STILL RISING**

## RAIN EXPECTED

Rugby, Yesterday.

A renewal of gale conditions occurred during the night round the coasts and in Southern England, where rain fell heavily. The weather was fine but windy inland this morning, but a moderate gale with rough sea is reported in the Channel. A continuation of stormy weather is expected.

The embankment walls along the Thames in Grosvenor Road, Westminster, have been considerably reinforced since they gave way in January, 1928, and it has so far been unnecessary to issue flood warnings to residents in that area.

Thames Valley Scenes

Rugby, Yesterday.

A renewal of southerly gales caused by a very deep depression approaching from the Atlantic is, according to the weather forecast, likely to be severe on the South-West Coast of Britain.

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HYBER	9,114	26th Dec.	
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TAKADA	6,910	14th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	23rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,936	10th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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KHIVA	9,135	21st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*MIRZAPORE	6,716	21st Dec.	Moji & Kobe.
	6,949	24th Dec.	Ampo, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	10,946	1930	
MANTUA	6,946	8th Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
NELLORE	6,853	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TALMA	10,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	6,128	17th Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.

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## HUMOURS IN LIFE OF AN ORGANIST PIGS AND PANCAKES: IMPROVISING A NATIONAL ANTHEM, UNEXPECTED CRITICS

Dr. J. Kendrick Pyne's long service to the art of music particularly in the office of city organist of Manchester which he has held for over fifty years, was warmly acknowledged recently at a large gathering of his friends and admirers held in the Town Hall.

Dr. Pyne, in response, was most delightfully reminiscent. Reference had been made so frequently, he said, to his long stay in Manchester that he must almost appear to be a species of musical Rip van Winkle. But his 52 years in the city, actively spent in different occupations, had gone like "a watch in the night," and usually most happily.

### Classical Music

Telling how he came to Manchester in 1875, a little before the Town Hall was completed and the organ delivered from Paris, and how Alderman Abel Heywood offered him the appointment of city organist some months later, he went on to speak of the position of classical music in England in those days. There were virtually only two permanent orchestras in England—London and Manchester. Though many municipal authorities had vague and nebulous longings in the direction of providing musical education for the masses, they were afraid of the cost. It might be said of them—adapting the lines of the poet—that, "though they were on music bent, they had a frugal mind." Admittedly a full band was a costly undertaking, and when such costly expenditure was then urged—out of the rates—sharp and irreverent things were said. In opposition to such a proposal a gentleman in another city said one day that "full band is the most expensive form of noise."

At least three important towns besides Manchester had fine organs—Liverpool, Bristol, and Birmingham. Apparently there was something about this special form of entertainment that made it agreeable to the average mind. This was voiced by a foreigner who visited England and said: "Granted four things—a fine building, a fine instrument, fine music, and a fine player—I doubt whether anything could be more satisfactory on the whole."

Early in the history of the Manchester Town Hall organ—which was being novel, was very popular—many distinguished visitors came to the city. One of the first was Princess Mary of Cambridge, the mother of Queen Mary. She came on three occasions, and he always found her a most discriminating lover of music. The Crown Prince of Austria also came a short time before his tragic end.

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Later came the Shah of Persia. The Shah was much impressed when the organ was loud—judging

when he had Busoni, Ysaye, and Solti together. Afterwards Busoni always came when in the neighbourhood, and at Busoni's request he would play in its original form either the Bach movement that the great pianist had finished or the arrangement of which he was contemplating.

**HONG KONG TIDE**

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kowloon tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Döbereck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kowloon; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

December 12 to 18, 1929.

Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Standard Times	Et.	Standard Times	Et.
Thurs 12	m 5 37	3.8	m 0 4	3.8
	6 50 n	3.7	0 3	3.7
Fri. 13	m 6 40	3.8	m 1 5	3.8
	6 45 n	3.8	0 37	3.8
Sat. 14	m 7 54	3.8	m 1 58	3.8
	7 19 a	3.8	1 11 a	3.8
Sun. 15	m 8 57	3.8	m 2 46	3.8
	7 59 a	3.8	1 45 a	3.8
Mon. 16	m 9 59	3.8	m 3 32	3.8
	8 41 a	3.8	2 30 a	3.8
Tues. 17	m 11 0	3.8	m 4 17	3.8
	9 24 a	3.8	3 56 a	3.8
Wed. 18	0 2 a	3.8	m 5 4	3.8
	10 9 n	3.8	3 34 a	3.8

### AUSTRIAN REFORM

Vienna, Yesterday. The Constitutional Reform Bill came into force to-day. President Mihály requested the old Government to remain in office. The President assumed the supreme command of the Federal Army.—Reuter.

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## WORLD COURT OF JUSTICE

### SAFEGUARDS AGAINST WAR BEFORE IT IS FORGOTTEN

#### THE PEACE PACT

Rugby, Yesterday. A "White Paper" is issued setting forth the considerations which led the British Government to sign the optional clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and dealing with the fears expressed in some quarters as to the consequences of that signature.

In

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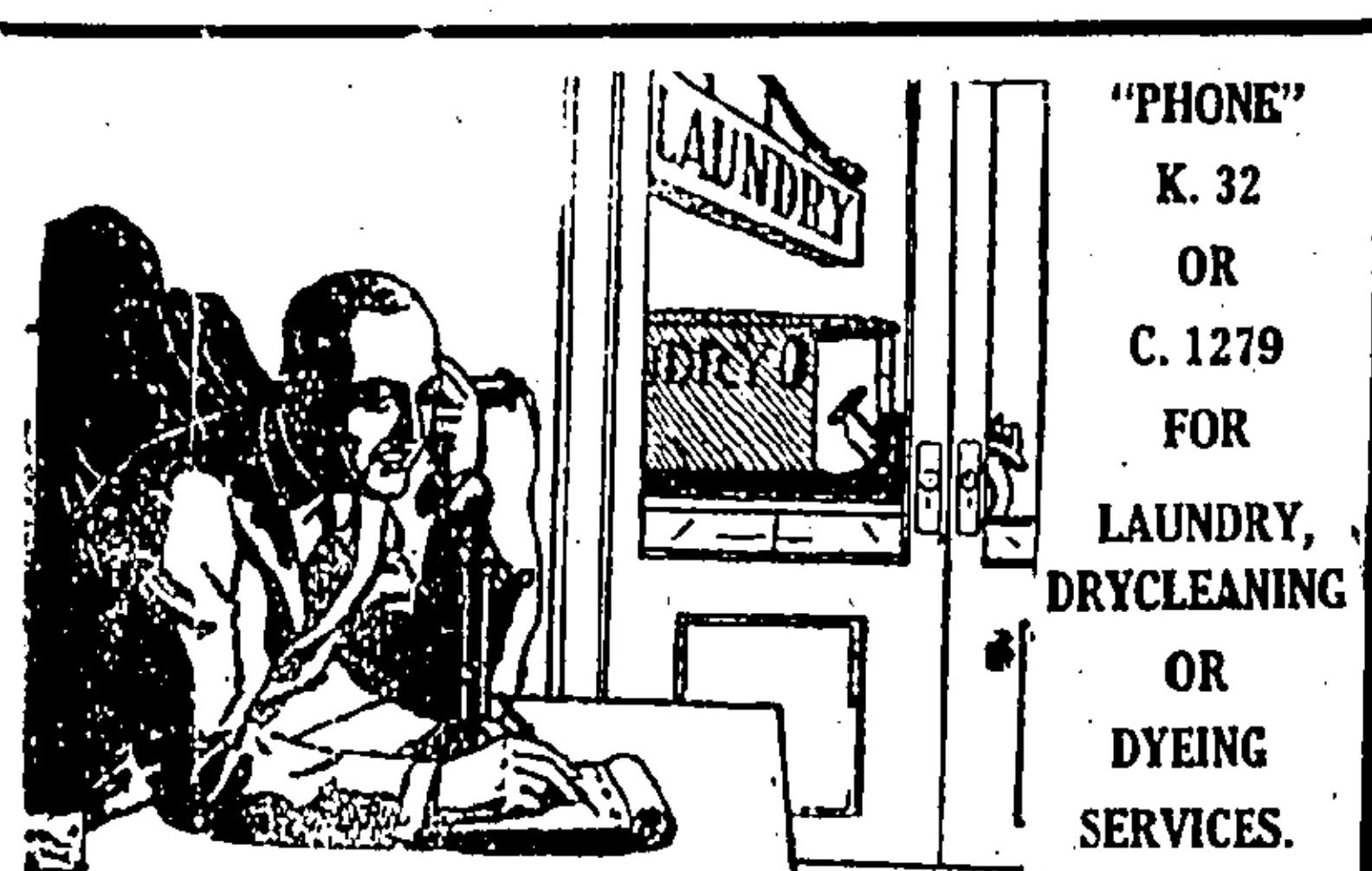
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### RELIGION AND SCIENCE

The author of many profound books on religious philosophy, Canon B. H. Streeter, D.D. (Fellow of the British Academy), who was interviewed by a "China Mail" representative at the Bishop's House this morning, stated that his book "Reality" had had the success almost of a popular novel in Great Britain. Another book of his, "The Primitive Church," had been made "the book of the month" by the American Book Society.

Canon Streeter is a scholar of international repute, and has recently returned from the Conference on Pacific Relations at Kyoto, which he attended as a member of the British delegation. Whilst in Japan he gave a series of lectures at the Imperial University of Tokyo on "Science, Philosophy, and Religion." His book "Reality" has been translated into both Japanese and Chinese and has enjoyed a wide sale in the Orient. The lectures which he delivered in Tokyo on Science and Philosophy are to be translated into Chinese.

Canon Streeter made the interesting observation to our representative that Christianity flourishes most amongst the educated classes in Japan although he would not care to apply the same remark to China, not having thoroughly studied the position in that country. It was significant, he added, that many members of the Chinese Government were Christians.

Asked what he considered

Five cases of small-pox were notified yesterday and one case of diphtheria.

A fine of \$5 on each of several Chinese dog owners was imposed at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on admitting either keeping their dogs without licences, or allowing them to be abroad without muzzles.

Colonel F. S. Exham, D.S.O., R.A.C., Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, China Command, who has been on a tour of inspection in North China, returned to Hong Kong on the "Empress of Asia" this morning.

With two previous convictions against him, Chinese was sentenced to two months' hard labour for the theft of a wooden rice tub, from the ground floor of 95, Kansu Street.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledged with grateful thanks the following further donations in aid of Hong Kong's poor:

—Anonymous \$100; Colonial Electric Co \$25; Club Lusitano \$100; and Miss Sybil Joseph \$50.

A Chinese, described as a linguist, was at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day before Mr. W. Schofield charged with the theft of four iron rods from a building contractor at Maple Street, Shamshui Po. He was sentenced to ten days' hard labour.

Major J. L. P. MacNair, R.A., who has held the appointment of Adjutant of the Royal Artillery in Hong Kong, and who is going home in February, has been succeeded as Adjutant by Captain C. R. Hodgkinson, R.A., who recently arrived in Hong Kong from home.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, at the Central Magistracy, with cruelty to four full-grown chickens and three medium size wild ducks by crowding them in a basket large enough to hold only two of the chickens. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5.

Stated to have been suffering fromague, a Chinese, of no fixed abode was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. W. Schofield charged with the theft of a cotton jacket from another Chinese living at Chung Hing Street. The defendant was fined \$25 with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

"They were exhausted when I took them out," said Divisional Inspector Stimson at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day when a Chinese woman was charged with over-crowding ten chickens by putting them in a crate that was too small. A fine of \$5 was imposed. A Chinese man was fined \$5 for placing three chickens and two ducks one on top of the other in a basket.

Resident in the Colony since 1887, a Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with the theft of 6 lbs. of copper wiring the property of the Kowloon Docks. It was stated that this copper was old wiring from the H.M.S. "Cornwall," and was kept in the electrical store. The defendant was arrested by Mr. H. Marriott, D.C.M., and when searched the copper was found in the defendant's hat and girdle! Sentence of 14 days' hard labour was inflicted.

In a lecture at the University this afternoon Canon Streeter will sum up the principles and main results of the Conference on Pacific relations at Kyoto, on Friday at the Cathedral Hall at 5.15, he will address a meeting on the subject of "The Problem of Pain," considered as the great difficulty to belief in God," and at 8.30 p.m., at St. John's Hall, will speak to students on "The Conflict Between Science and Religion." Next week at the Cathedral Hall, on Friday, December 20, Canon Streeter is to meet local ministers of religion and educationalists, and will lecture on "The Place of Religion in Modern Education."

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Major B. R. Mullaly, 10th Gurkha Rifles, and Brigade Major Tientsin Area who has been home on sick leave, will embark for China in January, and will resume his appointment. Captain P. J. Shears, 2nd Border Regt., who has been carrying out Major Mullaly's duties during his absence, will return to his own regiment in India.

But it is a fact that, living in a region frequently disturbed by wars, and even more frequently by rumours of war, he realised before anyone else what could be done by an astute man in the selling of munitions of war.

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Acquiring great wealth, Sir Basil Zaharoff bought a huge In-

## THE BRAINS BEHIND THE KREMLIN

### SOME CHARACTER SKETCHES

THE Department of Foreign Affairs, consequently, occupies a unique position in the scheme of the U.S.S.R. This explains why its structure has been built up from all sources without any relation to the personnel of the old regime. Out of over 1,000 officials who composed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, only four lesser officials have been kept on by Chicherin. No diplomatist of the old regime has ever represented the Soviets abroad, even in the Consular service.

In 1924, when the work of the department had assumed a more or less regular form, its board consisted of Chicherin, Litvinoff, Karakhan, and Araloff.

Of the four, Chicherin alone was competent to deal with foreigners. Speaking several languages, a university graduate and a talented musician, and long familiar with the technique of diplomacy, he was marked out for the "historic" part which he imagined he would be called upon to play, that of link between the bourgeoisie and the new world of the proletariat. His whole programme resolved itself simply into easing the points of friction between the two systems, without declaring himself until the day of the final conflict between Communism and the bourgeoisie.

Deceiving Foreigners

Chicherin, knowing well that Russia is large and unknown, and that there are a thousand ways of hiding what goes on there from strangers, thought that it would not prove difficult for him to mislead public opinion in other countries. He was convinced that he would, for example, be able to conceal from foreign diplomats the fact that the foreign policy of the Soviet was directed by the Third International.

He pretended that Zinovieff was only the "Lord Mayor of Petrograd" (this term had been used by Chicherin in a letter addressed to the Soviet representative in London). He invented a story of his having met the Bishop of Genoa—a meeting, according to him, sufficiently important to re-establish friendly relations with the Holy See.

Chicherin has never been allowed a free hand. The Political Bureau has no confidence in him. The most humble labourer who held a red flag in the streets of Petrograd in 1905 is recognised as a Bolshevik of that era, but Chicherin has only officially been a Bolshevik since 1918. He was given Litvinoff as a colleague. It would be very difficult to find two men who differ more widely.

On the one hand, Chicherin, a former nobleman, a man familiar with all the ins and outs of Western life. On the other hand, Litvinoff, a small tradesman from Warsaw, a boor, naturally impudent, with a career behind him that was full of incident, but showing no signs of fitness for diplomacy. He is still an adventurer.

Litvinoff's Attacks

It was impossible for these two men to work together. Litvinoff's attacks on Chicherin knew no limits. He belittled him in front of his subordinates; crossed out marginal

notes made by Chicherin on documents received from abroad; and reported to the Political Bureau scandalous accounts of the private life of Chicherin. The Political Bureau read Litvinoff's reports with glee and filed them, summing up the situation with the words "the more these two men squabble the more we shall know of what is going on in the Department of Foreign Affairs."

The Chicherin-Litvinoff break, however, caused complications. Litvinoff had succeeded in replacing Araloff with his personal friend Kopp. In consequence, the board was split into two, the hostile parties being Chicherin and Karakhan opposed to Litvinoff and Kopp.

Soviet Ambassadors

Karakhan is not very intelligent; but gay, charming, and always in a good humour. He knows how to win the hearts of his subordinates. Karakhan understands nothing about foreign policy. His method consists of finding out exactly what are the wishes of the Political Bureau; then all he has to do is to carry them out. In spite of his ready compliance, the Political Bureau does not like Karakhan. Invariably Stalin refers to him as "that idiot."

Soviet diplomacy has no definite structure. That is obvious. The Political Bureau merely desires officials who shall carry out their orders, without initiative, without reasoning, without questions, and without argument. One finds Communists of this description in Russia. One such has only to be sent abroad for six months, and he understands that Stalin's foreign policy is criminal and mad.

It is for this reason that the staffs of the Soviet Embassies are changed so often.

—G.B.

### TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail,"  
December 12, 1919.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 2d.

**A Yarn About Sir Henry May:**—A commercial traveller who arrived in Hong Kong yesterday had a good story to tell about Sir Henry May. His Excellency went, it seems, to Korea on a shooting trip, accompanied by his A.D.C. There he met a commercial traveller (not this one) who, not knowing him, began to talk of Hong Kong. After praising the roads, he mentioned that he hadn't seen the Governor, who, the people were all saying, was a pro-German. Sir Henry then, rather tardily, disclosed his identity.

The commercial traveller, taken aback, put a bold face on it, and asked Sir Henry if the gossip was true. Sir Henry said it was not true, but that he didn't mind much what Hong Kong people said, as they were always talking scandal. The story does not end here. The commercial traveller told it to the man who arrived yesterday, and he in turn was retelling it not long after to a man in the smoke room of an Atlantic steamer. He said he had it from the man himself, but could not otherwise vouch for it. "It is quite true," said the stranger in the smoke room, "for I was the A.D.C."

### MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

#### Sir Basil Zaharoff As A

"Mystery Man": Clever Swedish Scientist: A Canadian V.C.'s Initiative And Courage

#### Europe's "Mystery Man"

"THE Mystery Man of Europe," who now lies ill in Paris, has earned his title. Probably less is known of Sir Basil Zaharoff's early life than that of any other famous man living.

He was born in a village in Asia Minor, of Greek parents, about 30 years ago; and that is about the only authenticated fact about his youth. It is said that he sold newspapers as a child in Constantinople. It is stated, on better authority, that he entered his uncle's shipping office in that city and acted as a guide to tourists in his spare time.

But it is a fact that, living in a region frequently disturbed by wars, and even more frequently by rumours of war, he realised before anyone else what could be done by an astute man in the selling of munitions of war.

He began by selling a submarine to Greece, sold two more to Turkey, sold arms to both sides in the Peru-Chile war, and first as an agent for Nordenfeldts, and later acting for Vickers, he journeyed up and down the world distributing munitions of war.

Acquiring great wealth, Sir Basil Zaharoff bought a huge In-

terest in Monte Carlo casino; and in 1918 he was knighted on the recommendation of Mr. Lloyd George. Now, old and sick, he lies in Paris, too feeble to pull the strings that once led to half the capitals of the world.

#### Distinguished Scientist

AMONG the many distinguished passengers on the P. & O. s.s. "Rawalpindi," which left on December 1 for Europe, were Professor and Mrs. A. F. Enstrom, on their return voyage to Sweden from Japan. Mr. Enstrom, who has been one of the several delegates of the Swedish Government to the two world power and engineering congresses recently held in Tokyo, is the managing director of the Royal Swedish Academy of Scientific Industrial Research. He has been organizing and directing the manifold work of this governmental institute since its initiation ten years ago, in which short space of time its different laboratories have performed a series of successful investigations on a number of technical problems, which count among the most important for modern industry, and new or better constructions, arrived at as a result of the Academy's researches, have been adopted by the Swedish industry.

It was not until afterwards that he discovered the real cause of that most disquieting pause in the proceedings. His runners, falling to distinguish him, had been called. Hastily retiring with his back to the wall, he sternly commanded the remaining Germans to lay down their arms and march on. To his intense relief this show of confidence again proved successful.

**A V.C. Story**

ACCORDING to the "London Gazette," of June 8, 1917, Captain Macdowell, who went over from Canada in order

## A CITY OF FEAR

Suicides; Crime And Bankruptcy In New York  
RUINED MARKET

Empty Savings Banks: Embezzlement Charges  
WITHERED STOCKS

New York, Nov. 13.

New York is like a city with the plague. Every house is afflicted with the blight of withered stocks. The ruined market is the death-knell of a thousand hopes, and fear has replaced the light-hearted gaiety with which New Yorkers a few months ago went about their business.

People gather at street corners, turning feverishly to the latest news of a fresh collapse, when only recently they could be seen pointing triumphantly to rising profits.

## RUMOUR'S GRIM HORROR

Rumours add their grim horror to the calamity, for scarcely an hour passes but there is a story that some well-known broker or financier has committed suicide. The newspapers hide the news of self-inflicted deaths in different parts of the papers, usually tagging to the tale some hint that the suicide was quite solvent at the time of his death. But the suggestion deceives nobody.

The governors of the Stock Exchange have become so alarmed at the increasing flood of rumours that they issued instructions to all brokerage firms that unconfirmed stories must not be repeated, and that to say anything detrimental to the interests of anyone is a statutory offence.

## Doomed Investors' Siege

The brokers' offices are besieged with ruined speculators hoping to save some last mite from the crash. They are treated tenderly enough, for the brokers make no urgent repetitions for margin calls.

Yet these are serious, and many doomed investors are roused from sleepless beds by delayed telegrams which are delivered at all hours of the night. Wealthy and benevolent employers have in many cases come to the aid of their over-speculating employees and guaranteed their marginal accounts.

The crash has produced the largest embezzlement in American history. It was reported from Flint, Michigan, where ten clerks of the Union Industrial Bank are charged with the theft of more than \$700,000 taken to cover stock losses. Of this sum \$400,000 is not according to the auditors.

Mr. Charles S. Mott, the vice-president of General Motors and president of the bank has added more than £100,000 from his private fortune to the bank's funds as a guarantee against any possible loss. Some stolen securities have been recovered.

## Saving Banks Empty

Saving banks, which a fortnight ago were feverishly busy attending to withdrawals, are now empty, but the loan departments of all banks are besieged with anxious customers. Unfortunately collateral stock, good one day, is of no use on the next.

Most sorrowful of all is the man who was wise enough to foresee the coming disaster but failed to reckon on more than one day's holocaust. He plunged in heavily on margin after the first Black Thursday, only to find that the fortune of the week before was lost by the following Wednesday.

Pawnbrokers seem the only happy people in the present scene of desolation. Their trouble is that they do not possess sufficient money to lend. Many of them have been obliged to put up their shutters and take enforced holidays owing to the depletion of their capital.

Diamond rings are as cheap as Gilbert's famous dukes, and stones worth £100 will not fetch more than £10. Jewellers, finding their shops deserted, are issuing alluring advertisements that jewels are assets that cannot depreciate in value.

## Christmas Stump

The big department stores are usually crowded at Christmas time with eager buyers who pay no attention to prices.

The stores show many signs of the prevailing distress. Prices are frequently marked down as inducements to impoverished customers.

This declining trade is felt noticeably in the motor-car world. There is one upturn, distributing station with 40,000 cars on its hands and little hope of getting rid of them.

It is too early yet to know what effect the market slump will have on the instalment buying so prevalent throughout the United States, but there are many fears that goods of all sorts and descriptions will find their way back to the original sellers.

## 800 Low Records

For something which was already reported to have touched bottom, the Stock Market shows a remarkable ability to descend. 800 stocks touched or made new low levels, the sterner fight being waged around U.S. Steel, which at one time has 8% points below its previous low record for the year.

## "NO WORK!"

## CORRESPONDENCE

## RENTS PROBLEM

(To the Editor of "China Mail.") Sir,—The advice to merchants suffering from both trade depression and "merciless landlords" to put up their shutters is far from being of a passive nature. Indeed it is the most effective weapon that tenants have; and of its effectiveness, "Supporter of the Rent Problem Committee" must have been well aware; as in the latter part of his letter, he darkly hints that unless landlords show more sympathy, they may be likened to taking a "plunge over the precipice," which can mean nothing but that landlords will have cause to regret when they find themselves overburdened with houses rendered vacant through the closing of concerns which have become too unprofitable to continue. The recommendation to cease business was proffered as one means of bringing down rents and to show where the real influence of rents is to be found and also to dispel the false conception that immediately on the acquisition of a piece of property by a speculator, he is free to raise rents to any level he wishes.

There has never been any intention advised keeping quiet when one is "kicked in the shins by a bully"; but one should be clear who that bully is and not get muddled like the hurt small boy, who when asked the identity of his aggressor, points with unsteady grubby hand to some dim figure in the distance whom through vision obscured by heavy salt tears and another equally grubby hand could but faintly see. The figure in the distance—the unfortunate landlord is not the bully. Trade depression is, go for the bully, by all means.

Perhaps one may be permitted to reiterate that the rent of a house is dependent on the number of people desiring that house, which explains why rents in the central district are higher than in other parts of the town. People

find it more profitable to carry on the business as pawnbrokers or boarding house keepers nearer the sea front in preference to May Road and are consequently prepared to pay more for the privilege of installing themselves where they hope to gain the highest return. Further, in vying with one another to obtain that privilege, they each offer the highest amount they think they could spare out of their estimated profits and the offer which is accepted would become the rent of the premises. Is it not clear then, that the speculator's role in fixing rents is a negligible one and that what a merchant pays in rent is dependent on the number of his competitors who desire the premises he occupies?

"Supporter of the Rent Problem Committee" must have reason for stating that there are matters which "could not see the light of day" if investigations were made regarding the assessment of rates. The least he could do as a public-spirited citizen is for him to bring the matter to the attention of the authorities concerned, although it is doubtful whether his allegations could bear "the light of day" if they are similar to the statement he makes regarding the payment of rates by Chinese landlords who are accused of collecting rent according to the lunar system and paying rates on the solar reckoning. He is doubtless not conversant with the manner in which assessment forms have to be filled. If he would only look at one and read the questions, he would find that emphasis is laid on whether rent is paid by the lunar or solar month. His reference to the sale clause in a lease is probably the best possible way out of a tight corner. He must have heard of a lens which continues to run in spite of a change of owners.

Yours, etc.,  
COMMON SENSE.  
Hong Kong, Dec. 11.

## "THE GEISHA"

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir,—I was much interested to read in your to-day's issue "Bingo's" article on the Philharmonic Society's production. Though it may perhaps put me into or perilously near the class of old fogies, I must confess that "The Geisha" was one of my boyhood's brightest memories. I well remember that everyone was whistling or singing—mostly incorrectly—the sparkling melodies from that excellent musical comedy, on that night one remembers so well, one's first at a Public School. Since then I for one have been very fond of "The Geisha" and am rejoiced that I can see it again.

There is, however, one point that should be made very clear to those of the public to whom the play is new. That is, that it is a musical comedy and, as such, more farcical than a farce. The Japanese represented on the stage are not intended to be real Japanese, but quite a different nation—the Japanese of the stage. Similarly, Wan Hui is a stage Chinaman—(or reincarnation of Huntley Wright, one might say) rather than a study from life.

People seem so easily hurt nowadays, that it would perhaps be as well to stress this point, and to add that the English characters are caricatures also. For instance, Mr. Parker is an excellent Juvenile lead, but I do not suppose he is intended to be a faithful reproduction of one of our gallant friends in the Senior Service. I have heard many songs in the Wardrobe, but rarely light baritone solo stuff.

Yours, etc.,  
EHEU AB ANGLO.  
Hong Kong, Dec. 11.

## VICE-ADMIRAL LEAVES

Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell, K.C.B., R.A., accompanied by Paymaster Commander L. C. E. Ayre, C.B.E., R.N.; Lieut. D. P. Evans, R.N., and Paymaster Lieutenant L. G. H. Weeks, R.N., left for Shanghai yesterday by the N.Y.K. ms. "Asama Maru."

## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Kowloon British School F.P.A. Dance, 8.45 p.m.

Dec. 14—Peninsula Hotel Carnival Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Dec. 16—Police Fancy Dress Carnival Dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

Jan. 10—Second annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Behind that Curtain."

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Sin Slater."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Gate Grasker."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Ned Gwyn."

Dec. 14—At Theatre Royal, "The Geisha," 9.15 p.m.

Dec. 16—At Theatre Royal, "The Geisha," 9.15 p.m.

HOME FARMS

To-day—Inward from London and ports ("Antenor"); America and ports ("Empress of Asia").

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To-day—At Sales Room, Postage Stamps, 5.15 p.m.

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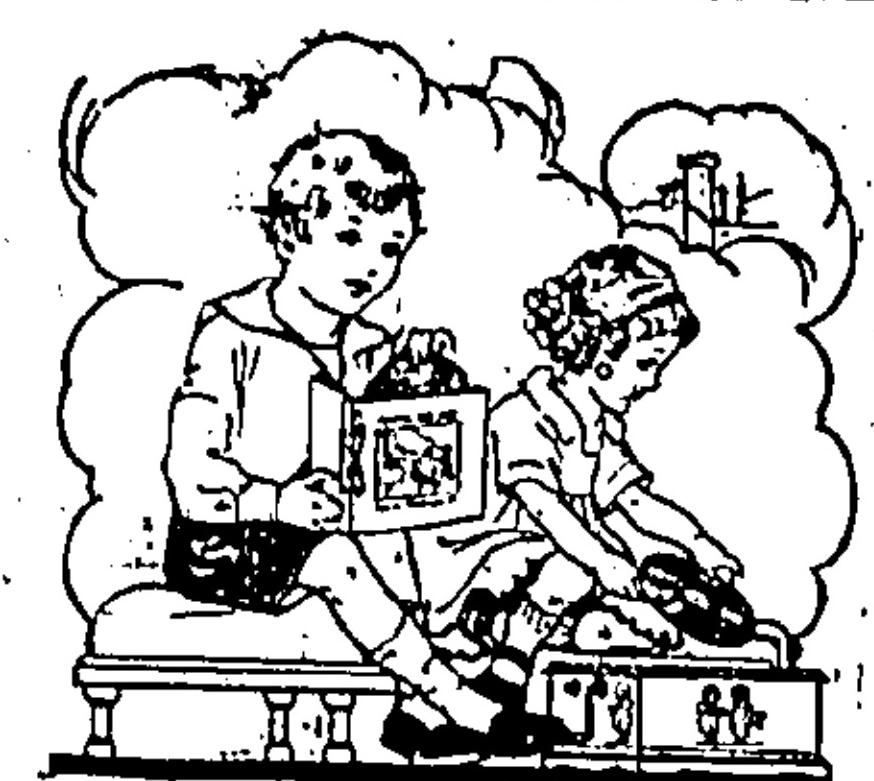
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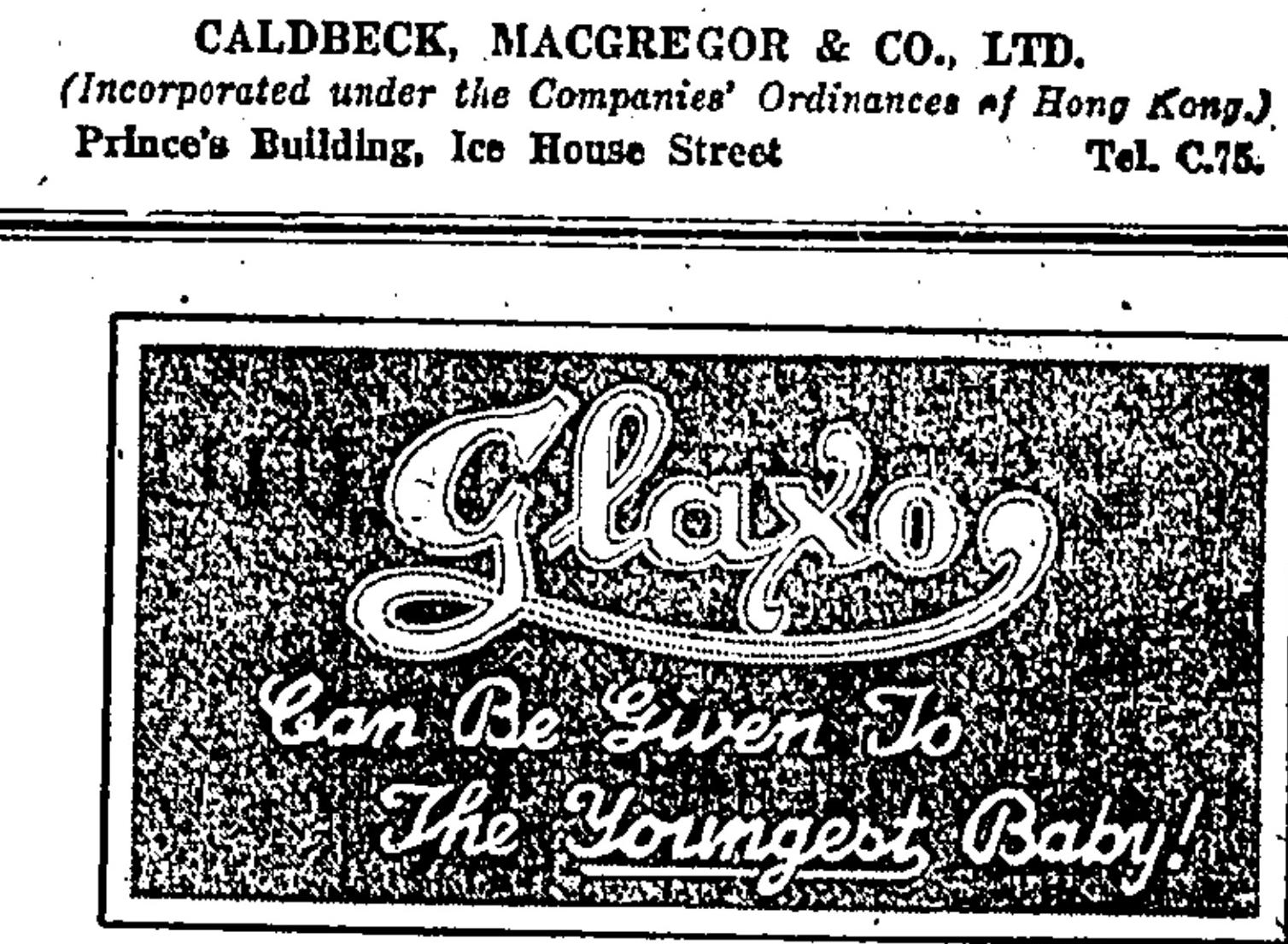
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## BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS

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## ART SHIP BATTLES WITH STORM

VALUABLE CARGO REACHES BRITAIN IN SAFETY  
WELCOME AT GRAVESEND

London, Yesterday. The art treasure ship, "Leonardo Da Vinci," arrived at Gravesend to-day and flags dipped a salute and hooters and sirens shrieked a welcome. An officer said that the voyage had been terrible, but all the pictures were safe and the crew unharmed. A tug should have piloted the "Leonardo Da Vinci" during the voyage, but went off in response to an S.O.S. from a distressed ship.

"Our anxiety whilst battling with the gale was all the greater, because we knew that the cargo was perhaps the most precious any ship has ever carried. Even during to-day's voyage the fierce tides were against us."

The vessel stays at Gravesend to-night, and proceeds to-morrow to West India Dock, where there will be an official reception.—Reuter.

## ODYSSEY OF THE SEA

Memorial to "Trevesa" Survivors

A memorial has been unveiled on the Island of Mauritius to commemorate the landing there, after twenty-three days in open boats, of the survivors of the British steamer "Trevesa," which sank in the Indian Ocean in 1923. Fishermen who piloted the survivors into the harbour and a great assembly of inhabitants were present.

The memorial is erected to the survivors who came in the second boat on June 29. Inscribed "An Odyssey of the Sea," it records: "In this bay, at Belombe jetty, there landed on June 1923, from a life-boat, sixteen men, being part of the survivors of the steamer "Trevesa," which foundered on June 4, 1923, being then 1,610 miles from Mauritius. Eight of the boat's crew died at sea, and on the day following the landing."

For over three weeks after the "Trevesa" sank, nothing was heard of the crew. All hope for their safety had been abandoned, when one boat, and three days later a second, landed at Rodriguez. The men had existed on little more than a teaspoonful of condensed milk a day, in gale and intense heat. Thirty-three out of forty-four of the crew were saved.

## RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 360 metres:

5.00-7.00 p.m.: Programme of Columbin and Legal Records supplied by the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Ltd.

"L'Arlesienne Suite—Intermezzo" (Bizet, arr. Sauri), "L'Arlesienne Suite—Minuet" (J. H. Sauri Chamber Orchestra).

"Show Boat—Bill" (P. G. Wodehouse & J. Kern), "Show Boat—Can't help Lovin' Dat Man" (Hammerstein 2nd & Kern).

Marie Erika with Drury Lane Orchestra. "On top of the World, Alone" (Robin & Whiting), "Through" (McCarthy & Monaco), Layton and Johnston with Piano.

"Blue Eyes—Selection—Part 1 & 2" (Kern) ..... Piccadilly Theatre Orchestra.

"Father's Favourites, Part 1 & 2" (Publishers: Francis, Day & Hunter Ltd.), Organ Solo by Terence Casey.

"Melodie" (Gluck-Squire), "Andante Religioso" (Thome), "Cello Solo by W. H. Squire with Piano & Organ.

"Every-Body's Melodies, Part 1 & 2" (arr. J. H. Squire), "J. H. Squire Celeste Octet—Andantino (Song of the Soul)" (Lomare).

"Reverie" (Dinkler—op. 20), "Cello Solo by W. H. Squire with Piano.

"Bitter Sweet—I'll see you again" (Noel Coward), "Bitter Sweet—Kiss Me" (Layton and Johnstone with Piano).

"Ideal Homes" (Clarkson Rose), "Hidden Heroe" (Norman Long).

"Petite Suite—Part 1: En Batane & Part 2: Cortigra" (Debussey).

"Sir Dan Godfrey," "Petite Suite—Part 3: Menuet & Part 4: Ballet" (Debussey), Sir Dan Godfrey.

"Scottish Quadrilles, Tgs. 1, 2 and 3" (Palace Guards Band).

"Old Time, Waltz Medley" (Composer Unknown).

"The Flanagan Chase the Bananas" (Flanagan Brothers).

"The Flanagan Brothers—Melodian Memories (Pot-Pourri), Part 1, 2, 3 & 4" (arr. Hermon Finch).

"Hawaiian Cinema Orchestra—Kawauhan, Waltz" (Hawaiian Air).

"Honolulu, March" (Hawaiian Silver String Quartet).

7.45 p.m.: Weather Report.

9.00-10.30 p.m.: Programme of Chinese Gramophone Records.

10.30 p.m.: Close Down.

## LORD LLOYD AND EGYPT POLICY

DANGERS OF IMMATURE POLITICAL SYSTEM  
RISK OF SECURITY

London, Yesterday. The Government defeated the House of Lords by 46 votes to 13 votes on a motion by Lord Salisbury regretting the precipitation with which the Government launched the Egyptian policy, which entailed the risk of security of Imperial communications.

A feature of the debate was the contribution of Lord Lloyd, who condemned the Government for handing over British and foreign interests to an immature Egyptian political system.

Lord Parmoor declared that Great Britain made proposals in connection with the protection of foreigners, and if the Egyptian obligations in that direction were not fulfilled, it was incumbent on Great Britain to see that the regulations were properly carried out. He said that aggressive intervention by foreign powers was ruled out by the British undertaking to defend the country against such occurrences.—Reuter.

Rescued from Barburism

Rugby, Yesterday. The Government's policy regarding Egypt was debated in the House of Lords this evening on a motion of Lord Salisbury, regretting the precipitation with which the policy was entered upon and the risk it entailed to the security of Imperial communications.

British policy in Egypt had retrieved that country from bankruptcy and had restored order and prosperity. The Sudan had been rescued from a hopeless relapse into barbarism. Within a month of their coming into office the present Government had in appearance at least made a radical change in the line of policy hitherto adopted.

Grave Changes

Lord Lloyd, formerly High Commissioner in Egypt, suggested that the draft of the treaty involved grave and serious changes in policy. He criticised the military aspects of the draft treaty, particularly the provision whereby British troops were to be moved out of Cairo and Alexandria to the desert, east of Longitude 32. He was confident that the only place from which the canal could be economically and adequately defended was from Cairo, or a place within striking distance of it. British troops had for some years ceased to be an army of occupation but they were a guarantee of safety. Never once during his four years of office had a British soldier been used to maintain order. He criticised the removal of the effective European control of the police force and the withdrawal of British judges in the courts of Justice.

Independence

Lord Parmoor, replying on behalf of the Government, said the return of the Egyptian troops to the Sudan had fully the approval of the Government to make up alteration whatever in the Sudan settlement. "As long as we maintain our occupation of troops at Cairo," continued Lord Parmoor, "so long will it be impossible to make any advance in giving Egypt the independence she desires. We want to find a system which at the same time will establish the independence of Egypt and secure the separate interests of Great Britain." The Government was going to preserve the policy indicated in Lord Milner's report as long as they were in power.

Vital Points

They were determined to meet as fairly and large heartedly as possible the vital points on which Egyptians were insisted, in order that they might have in Lord Milner's words a "real national independence." He was instructed for the removal of the occupation that, unless provision was made of British troops at Cairo—of course at the same time making alternative occupation which gave added security for all interests involved—no further progress could be made.

Dealing with the doubts expressed as to the effect regarding Egypt of the signing of the optional clause, Lord Parmoor said that the draft of the treaty could not be signed by Egypt until she had become a member of the League of Nations and, if and when she became a member, the texts and reservations of the treaty would have to be considered. The views adhered to by the Government were those which, starting from the report by Lord Milner's Commission, aimed at effecting a settlement between Great Britain and Egypt. The substance of the Milner Report had been adhered to. He did not believe it possible to follow the policy that Lord Lloyd had suggested.

Earl Grey (Liberal) said that the policy which Lord Lloyd was advancing was entirely inconsistent with the declaration of 1922. It was a most unwise and impractical policy to go back to anything like the Cromer regime in Egypt. Lord Salisbury's motion was carried—British Wireless

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" (Loc. Reg.)	...	...	124	7/ Int.	1920
Chartered Bank	1935	...	184	20/- Int.	1920
Mercantile BK., A.s.b.	...	...	305	20/- Int.	1920
Do., C.s.b.	1935	...	154	8/- Int.	1920
Bank of Asia	1935	...	...	8	1920
<b>Insurances.</b>					
Canton Ins.	605	...	...	40	1928
Union Ins.	607	...	...	52	1928
Yangtze Ins.	50	...	...	18	1928
China Underwriters	210	...	...	48	1927
China Fire Ins.	815	...	...	48	1927
H. K. Fire Ins.	22	...	...	1.50	1928
<b>Shipping.</b>					
Douglas	251	...	...	4	1924
H. K. Steamboats	26	...	...	1	1923
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	46	...	...	12	[for 1924 0/-]
(Def.)	5	...	...	70	1925 0/-
Shell Transport	95	...	...	56	1928
Union Waterboats	22	...	...	1.50	1928
<b>Mining.</b>					
Bengtjens	4.70	...	...	0.25	1929
Kai Lan Mining Ad. s.f.	...	...	60	2/- Int.	1929-30
Langkat (Coco.) Th.	...	...	13.60	...	
(Single)	74	...	...	1.50	1929-30
S'hai Exploration Th.	1.50	...	...	1.50	1929-30
Loans	5	...	...	1	1928
Rubis	12	...	...	12	Int. 1/6 1929-30
Tonchi Mines	21/-	...	...	4.50	1929
<b>Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &amp;c.</b>					

**Sport Columns**
**LOCAL CRICKET****League Games For Saturday****UNIVERSITY v. H.K.C.C.**

The following will represent the University 1st XI in a League match against the H.K.C.C. on Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m. sharp on the H.K.C.C. Ground:

C. W. Lane (Captain), S. V. Gittins, D. K. Samy, M. B. Osman, L. T. Ride, E. A. Lee, A. P. Gutierrez, D. J. N. Anderson, A. Baker, A. M. Rodrigues, S. R. Kermani.

**H.K.C.C. Teams**

The following are H.K.C.C. teams for next Saturday:

Against the University (League), at home.—T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. V. Parker, J. R. Hinton, A. C. I. Bowker, A. Reid, E. R. West, O. Moor, G. P. Lummett, E. R. Duckitt, A. C. Beck, H. R. Remington.

Against the University Second Eleven (friendly) played away.—W. Mackenzie (Captain), H. J. Armstrong, R. H. Dowler, K. H. Batger, G. E. R. Divett, W. Hanis Walker, R. D. Beaumont, T. R. Macdonald, J. H. Ashworth, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan.

**I.R.C. 2nd v. K.C.C. 2nd**

The following will represent the I.R.C. 2nd XI in a League match against the K.C.C. 2nd XI on the former's ground on Saturday, at 2 p.m. sharp:—M. P. Madar (Captain), H. T. Barma, C. F. Doodha, E. Heptulla, D. Mohamed, A. R. H. Esmail, A. R. Stifford, J. S. Achkar, Sirdar Khan, A. M. Runjohn, and F. M. el Areuli. Scorer: M. Y. Athal.

**"Hermes" Beat Varsity**

A team from H.M.S. "Hermes" paid a visit to Pokfulam and were opposed by the University second eleven. The visiting batsmen showed form and won easily by a margin of seven wickets, after dismissing their opponents for the small total of 84 runs. Scores:

**University**

S. R. Kermani, c Cross, b Bennett	14	To Play The Services
K. T. Luke, b Bennett	1	The following have been selected to play against a Services team on Tuesday next, 17th instant. Kick off H.K.F.C. ground at 4.15 p.m.:—
A. Chan Fook, c Laslett, b Swann	16	G. Rodger; Wynne and Reeves; Hesley, West and Bliss; B. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, Bewley-Bull, Rocha and Butcher.
A. Rodrigues, c Cross, b Humphreys	0	Reserves.—C. Pile, Knapp, Gill and A. Ward.
K. P. Gan, b Bumphreys	6	It is understood that a Chinese team from Shanghai will visit Hong Kong about the Chinese New Year to play a series of games here.
H. E. M. Adams, b Bumphreys	1	K.O.S.B. Victorious
C. Candah, b Trusler	1	Two matches in the second division of the Hong Kong football league were played yesterday.
P. L. Tan, c Hammond, b Laslett	6	On St. Joseph's ground at Happy Valley the K.O.S.B. had a runaway victory from the University, winning 2 to 4 by four goals to nil. It was too one-sided to be interesting, although occasionally the University did try to make a fight of it, they could not get past the strong Kosbie defence.
G. E. Yeoh, b Trusler	1	Navy Beat Somersets
A. T. Normanboy, b Trusler	1	The other match, between the Navy and the Somersets was played on the Kowloon F.C. ground. It was very closely contested and the Navy just won by the only goal of the match.
A. A. Aziz, not out	6	The first half was scoreless, and the second half had opened up dingly manner for 25 minutes before the Navy got a chance of which they made the most, when Cartwright found the net with a fine header from a well-placed corner kick.
Extras	6	SHAMEEN LEAGUE
Total	84	Shameen Lose to H.M.S. "Cleala"

**BOWLING ANALYSIS**

O. M. R. W.	
Laslett	9 2 22
Bennett	5 0 17
Swann	6 1 15
Bumphreys	7 2 13
Trusler	3 0 11
H.M.S. "Hermes"	
Sq. Ldr. Bumphreys, c Gan b Chan Fook	
Lieut. Wright, l.b.w., Aziz ....	
Lieut. Stevenson, retired ....	
Marine Trusler, c Chan Fook, b Normanboy	
A. B. Laslett, retired .....	
E. R. A. Graham, c Eoke, b Yeoh	
Stoker Cross, b Chan Fook ..	
E. R. A. Hammond, not out .....	
Extras	
Total (7 wkt.)	177

O. M. R. W.	
Chan Fook	9.2 1 47 2
Aziz	6 0 30 1
Normanboy	3 0 20 1
Candah	1 0 20 0
Tan	2 0 16 1
Yeoh	3 0 16 1
Loke	2 0 21 0

**BOWLING ANALYSIS**

O. M. R. W.	
Chan Fook	(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Aziz	Canton, Yesterday.
Normanboy	Yesterday, with a very depleted team, Shameen lost to H.M.S. "Cleala" by 2 goals to 1. Shameen took the field with only eight men, only five of whom were of the first eleven, and played for 15 minutes short of three men, when

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**SCHEMES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED****JOB FOR 189,300 MEN FOR ONE YEAR****ZAMBESI BRIDGE WORK**

Rugby, Yesterday.

The present value of grants approved or in an advanced stage of negotiation in relation to Government schemes for provision of work under the Development Act, Colonial Development Act, and from the Road Fund is estimated at over £31,000,000. Certain of these grants are to be spread over a number of years. The schemes are estimated to provide work equivalent to employment of 189,300 men for one year.

In this total the Development Act, which facilitates grants to local authorities in respect of works of public utility, is calculated to provide work equivalent to 84,000 men for one year. The material employed for such assisted works must as far as possible be home produced.

The Colonial Development Act enables the scheme for the Zambesi bridge to be proceeded with. This involves an expenditure of about £3,000,000 of which contracts placed in this country will represent over £1,000,000 affording employment equivalent to some 4,000 "man years." Other schemes towards which grants have been given under this Act are estimated to provide 1,300 "man years" of employment.

The programme under the Road Fund, which is estimated to provide work equivalent to 100,000 men for one year includes the provision of further trunk roads and improvements to existing roads, extending over five years, at a cost to the Road Fund of £16,000,000.—British Wireless Service.

**PREMIER RESIGNS****Australian "Reds" To Form Ministry**

A Safe Game

Melbourne, Yesterday.

The Victorian Parliament, at its first sitting since the election on November 30, adopted a labour motion of no confidence in the Nationalist ministry. The Premier, Sir William McPherson, has resigned, and the Governor has asked the Labour leader, Hogan, to form a Ministry.—Reuter.

**ADM. EARL JELLICOE**

**Jawbone Operation Successful**

Rugby, Yesterday.

Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Jellicoe, yesterday underwent a successful operation to the upper jawbone. He has cancelled all engagements for the next six weeks.—British Wireless Service.

two other members of the team (reserves) who had been detained, turned up.

In spite of this handicap it was a hard game, with Shamteen's backs playing splendid football, and the two forwards making the most of their opportunities and being more often dangerous than the "Cicla." There was no score at half-time.

The second half opened up vigorously. The "Cicla" opened the scoring with a long shot which Linaker, playing goal in the absence of Lay, in spite of a badly sprained ankle, misjudged. The "Cicla's" second goal was netted by Lt. Bolton. Ten minutes before time Lammert, on the point of shooting, was roughly tackled from the back in the penalty area and Shamteen were awarded a penalty, which Duncan netted.

This defeat of Shamteen will put H.M.S. "Scam" in a strong position, making it almost certain that they will win the League.

The first half was scoreless, and the second half had opened up dingly manner for 25 minutes before the Navy got a chance of which they made the most, when Cartwright found the net with a fine header from a well-placed corner kick.

**HOCKEY**

**Hong Kong Ladies To Play On Saturday**

The Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club will play a match against the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club on Saturday, 14th December, on the K.B.S.F.P.A. ground at King's Park. Bally off 3.30 p.m.

The teams are as follows:—

Hong Kong: F. Stevenson, F. D. C. Lack, B. Franklin, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, M. L. Wallace; I. C. Bell, J. L. Whyte, N. A. McNellie, C. M. Ferguson, E. S. Laing.

Kowloon: P. Whitley; L. Dand, M. Woolley; P. Woolley, E. Anslow, V. Eastman; I. Gittins, M. George, D. Pinguet; H. Eastman, E. Woolley.

**CHINESE AND THE WESTERNERS****CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL HELP****KEYSTONE OF POLICY**

[From a Student]

Chinese now-a-days in their new era of reconstruction of government, devoted studies of international relationship, earnest observation of the world's economics, and a thorough investigation of social problems of commerce, labour, and politics, are thinking quite differently from those of hundred years ago. Chinese a century ago were absolutely ignorant of the importance of the world's economics and freedom of thinking, as they were all under the tyrannical rule of an emperor whose idea was to suppress them and to rob them of their legitimate rights as free citizens.

So when they saw the Westerners come into China with all their material civilization, wonderful scientific development, deep experience of politics, and good knowledge of the trades of China, they regarded them as men of all mighty power and submitted to that which they would demand, instead of exchanging their thoughts and studying the interests of their own country.

**ONLY AN INSTRUMENT**

But China has now changed its form of government into a republic, and the people have regained their rights and freedom, therefore they begin to realise that the Republican Government is only an instrument, the duty of which is to carry out the idea of the people. As a consequence, they solicit the sympathy of all the Western nations in their movements and national aspirations to give them a helping hand in order to bring the standard of the Chinese nation up to that of any of the Western nations, so far as equality is concerned.

But for the lack of studying the psychology of the people and the failure to know exactly what the Chinese are fighting for, the Westerners are still holding the same attitude towards the Chinese as before, and they think, therefore, that Westerners must be Imperialistic in nature and have a wrong conception of the Chinese people altogether.

**RESERVE OWN RIGHTS**

It is fair to say that the Chinese are still good friends with them and the only thing they would like to convey to the understanding of the Western nations is that all the movements in China are instigated in order to reserve their own rights and are not to take advantage of those of the other nations. From the bottom of their heart they really think that the relationship and understanding between the Westerners and the Chinese will be better in the near future and that mutual help and co-operation among them would be a true contribution to the peace and goodwill of the world.

**U.S. AIRCRAFTS****More Tonnage Advocated**

New York, Yesterday.

The doubling of aircraft-carrier tonnage was demanded by Mr. Britten, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Committee, in an interview.

He advocated that the present 66,000 tonnage of United States aircraft-carriers should be made up to 135,000, as authorised by the Washington Treaty.

Mr. Britten pointed out that Britain, similarly authorised, has at present 107,500 tonnage of this description. — Reuter's American Service.

**BRINGING UP FATHER**

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Alan Cobham yesterday flew from Croydon to Dijon, on his way to Africa, where he will, with representatives of Imperial Airways, choose landing grounds and organise facilities for a regular London-Capetown air service.—British Wireless Service.

**EXTRALITY PROBLEM IN CHINA****JAPANESE MINISTER'S VIEWS****MUST GO SLOW**

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The formal appointment of Mr. Obata to Minister of China is to be expected at a Cabinet conference on Friday, since Nanking's Agreement has been received.

Mr. Obata is not likely to proceed to China soon, feeling the need of considerable preparatory study, owing to his seven years' absence from China, therefore negotiations for a new commercial treaty are likely to be delayed.

Discussing his appointment with the Press, Mr. Obata expressed his full sympathy with the principle of abolition of extrality, but said that Japan was faced with the problem of protection of 300,000 nationals in a country lacking administrative unity, or judicial independence, hence they must go slow.

He said it would be better for China to seek the establishment of conditions permitting the relinquishment of extrality, rather than attempt abrupt abolition.—Reuter.

[Mr. Obata was Minister to China from 1918-1922, and was Secretary to the Peking Legation as long ago as 1905. He was appointed Minister to Turkey in 1925.]

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Tokyo, Yesterday.

It is stated in official quarters that Japan, though lacking representation at the Provisional Court conference in Nanking, reserves all rights respecting any agreement reached.—Reuter.</

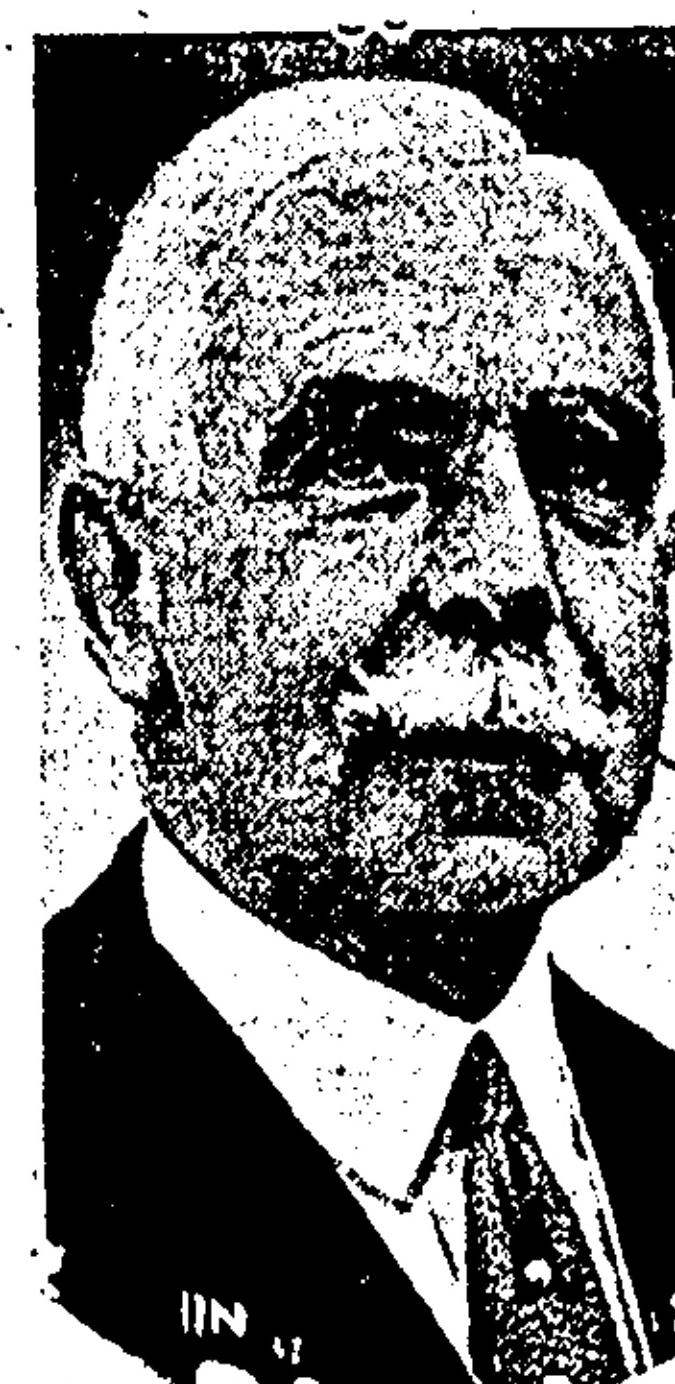
# World News In Pictures

Il Duce Kisses Constable



Premier Mussolini rewarding a policeman who risked his life on duty. A kiss was Il Duce's gift to the officer.

Appointment Forecast



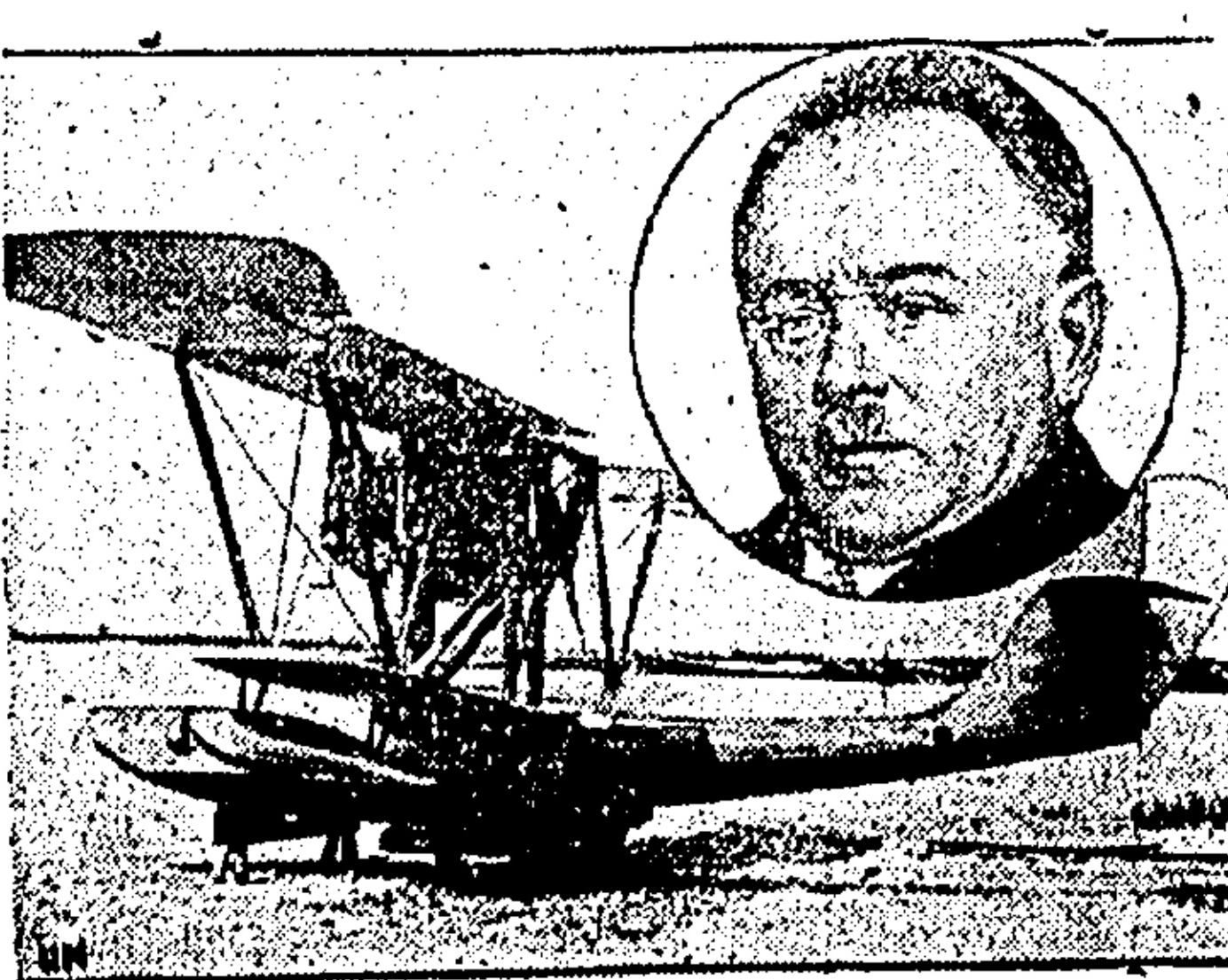
Otto H. Kahn, banker and patron of the fine arts, who is expected to become the Treasurer of the Republican Senatorial Committee in spite of violent protests.

A Feline Mascot



Baron Konig Warthauser, circumnavigating the world in a tiny monoplane is shown with a Siamese cat which was presented to him in Bangkok, Siam, as a good luck mascot in his trip to the United States.

Experience Not Necessary Now



Hans Hocke, trial flight director of the Czechoslovakian Academy at Prague, is shown with his fool-proof plane. He claims that in the event of an inexperienced pilot loses control, the plane will automatically stabilize itself.

Cathcart's Daughter And Her Fiance



James De Grey Warren, a young girl, and her fiancé. The young couple has been chosen by the Colony members of their youth association to represent the salt of life. The Cathcart-Catlin couple served as the Ellis Island sensation in 1928 when they arrived here with the United States on the grounds of their "moral influence" in helping to save the world.

World's First Air-Born Babe



Mrs. Margaret Dorothy Evans and her baby girl, which was born in an aeroplane flying twelve hundred feet over the city of Miami. The baby is declared by specialists to be a perfect specimen in spite of the unusual birthplace.

New Foreign Minister



Delegate Havemann, a well-known painter of Hildesheim, who has succeeded the late Dr. Gustav Stresemann as Germany's Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Offers Life For Money



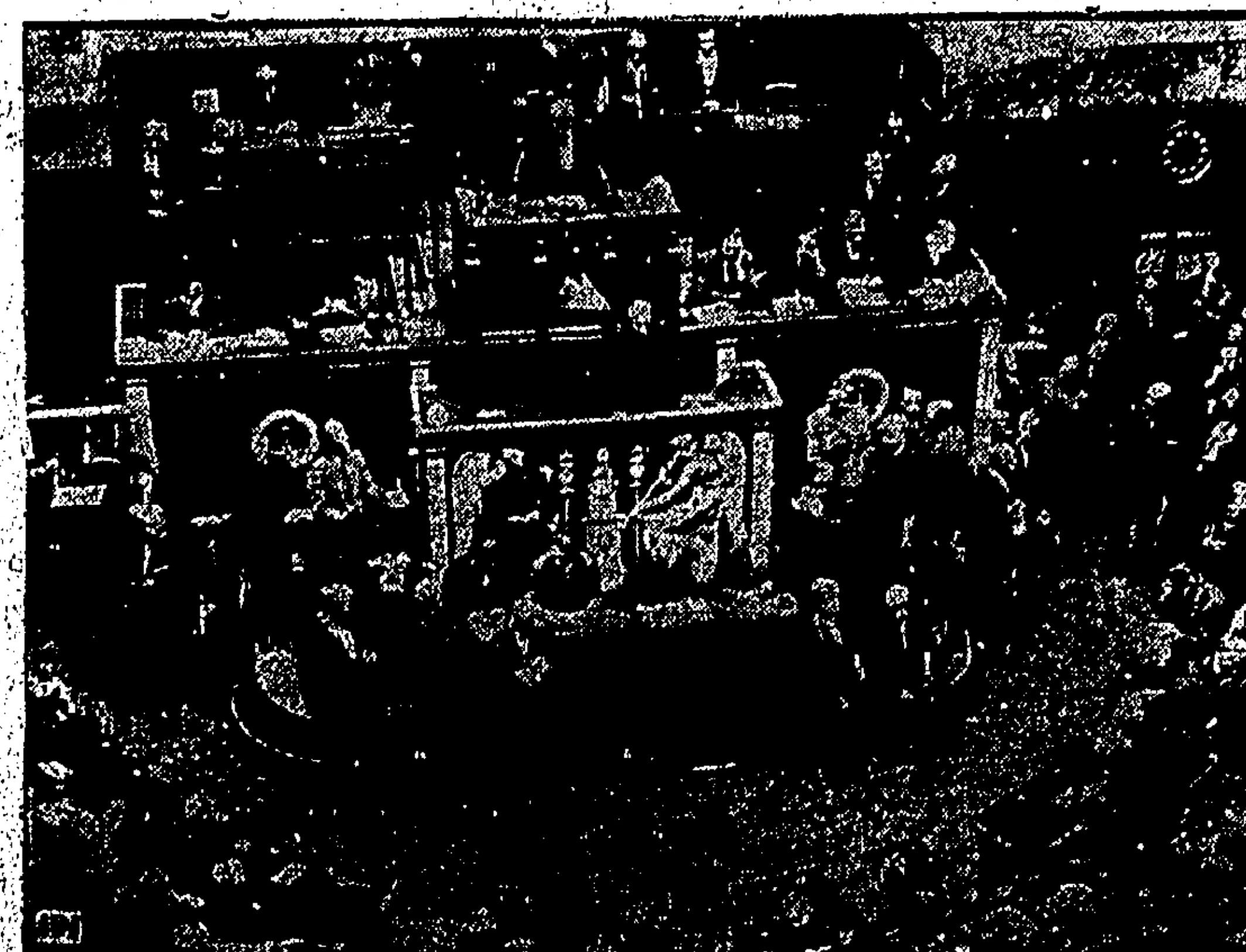
Jose R. Valle, young Nicaraguan student, is dying from a mysterious malady. He offers his life to science in the hope of obtaining money so that scientists may discover a cure for the disease which threatens his son's life.

Writing New Air History



The crew of the Russian plane, "Land of the Soviets," are shown here after their arrival in Chicago, where they were entertained by Henry and Edsel Ford. The flyers are (left to right) S. A. Shestakov, commander; B. V. Sterlingov, F. E. Bolotov, navigators; F. V. Fufaev, mechanician.

Briand Refuses to Head Cabinet

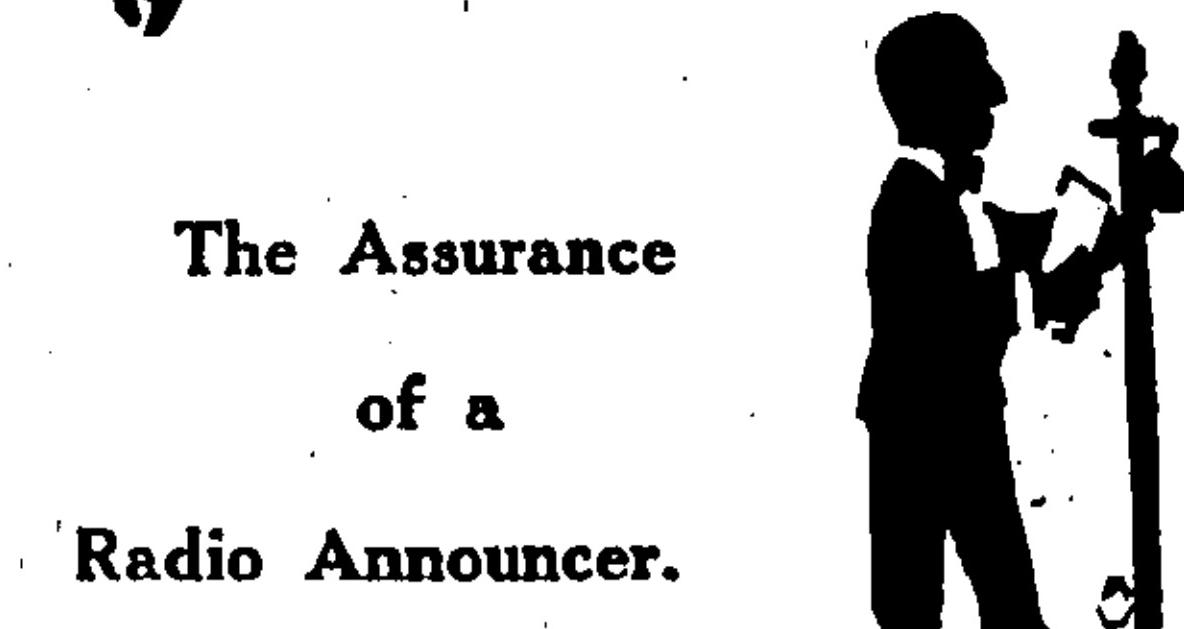


As much to the surprise of many followers, Aristide Briand, destined to accept the task of forming a new government for France, a Radical Socialist, Etienne Cabadie, a former new French Government, has found favor with the most likely to succeed, M. Briand, however, refused to comply with the demand which brought into power Edouard Herriot, as the new Premier. Pictured above, Aristide Briand, facing the Chamber of Deputies, making an impassioned plea to save the Government which he constituted upon the recent resignation of his chief.

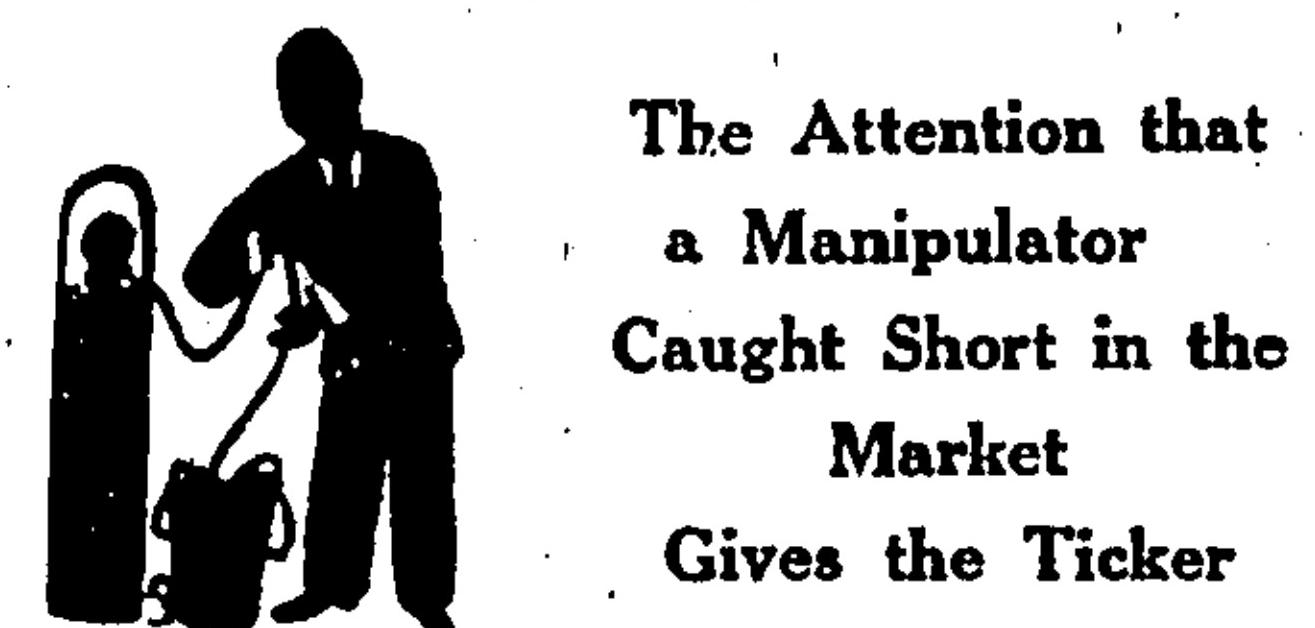
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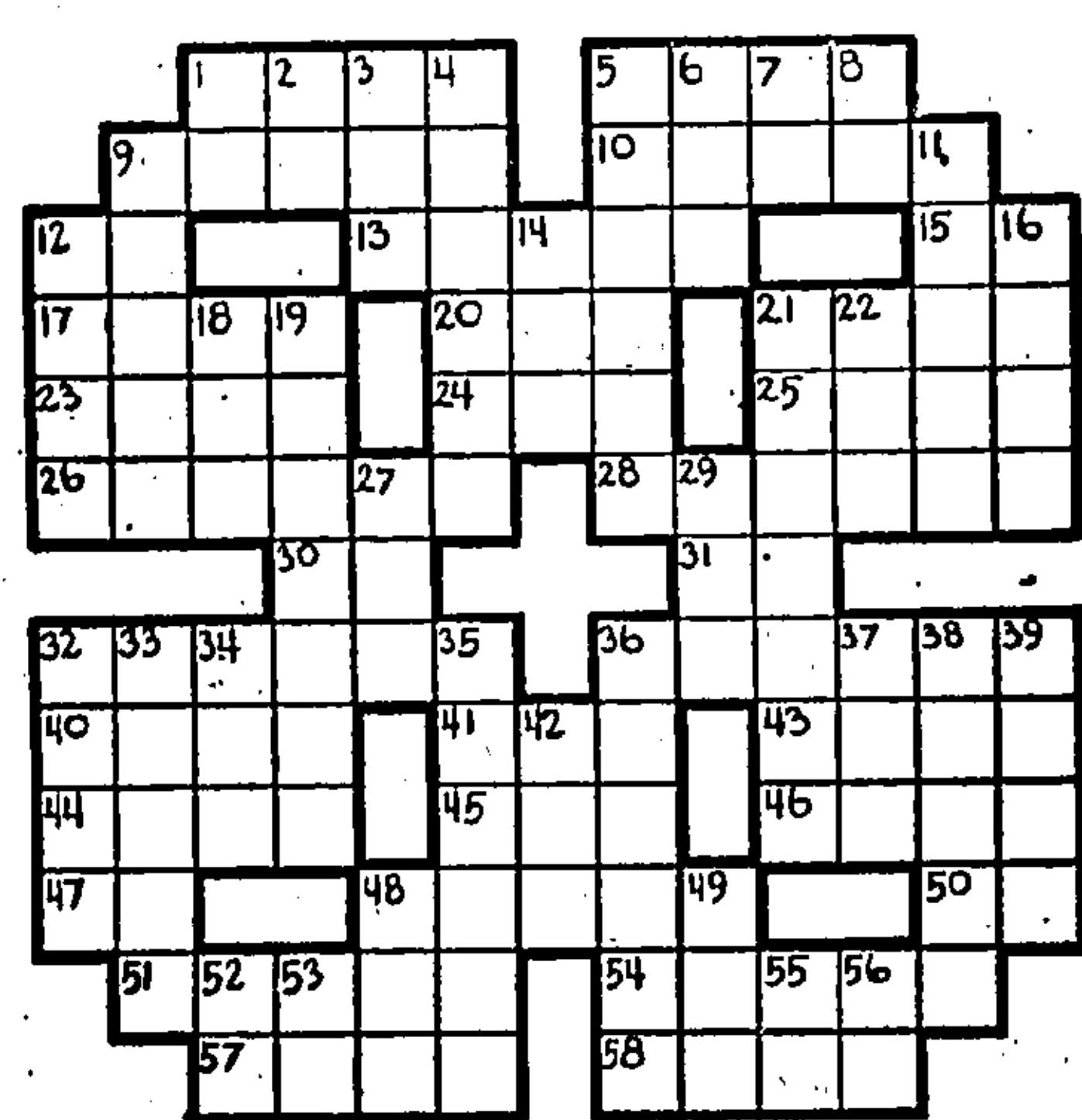
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *alio*.)



## HORIZONTAL

1-To separate into grades.

2-Slide

3-Imp (Arabian Nights)

4-Substance used in developing negatives

5-Exist

6-Volcano on Island of Martinique

7-Printer's measure

8-Perfection

9-Religion (abbr.)

10-A dark-skinned foreigner

11-Pelt

12-House pat

13-River in Tyrol and Bavaria

14-Console

15-Marsh

16-Company (abbr.)

17-Roman number

18-Musical note

19-An igneous rock

20-At or to the lea side

21-Goddess of mischief (Gr. Myth.)

22-Vault

23-Stead (amplified spelling)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

46-An anarchist

47-Anemone (abbr.)

48-Jar

50-To sign as correct

51-Humble

54-A unit of weight for gems

57-Molt

58-Part of leg

59-Name

60-Ahead

61-Tear

64-A large cask

65-A food fish (pl.)

66-Confederate general

70-Pronoun

71-A name in N. Italy

72-Haird having toes with adhesive disks

73-Light and fine, as a fine

74-Lowest tone of a male voice

75-A grassy meadow

76-Greater in number

77-Unit of length in measuring diameter or wire

78-Allighted

79-Singer

80-Fare

81-Strung

82-Nodal

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

19-Performed

21-That by which a number is divided

22-Chemical suffix. Used in naming enzymes

27-The highest officer of a regiment (abbr.)

28-Feminine name

32-To make warm by genial heat

33-Extreme

34-Porous

35-Gained

36-Adorn

37-Intersection. Hall

38-The garden decorated with flowers

39-Mite

42-The latter T

43-Point of compass (abbr.)

49-Goddess of the sea (Norse Myth.)

52-College degree (abbr.)

53-An exclamation of surprise

55-Musical note

56-One (boot)

57-As

58-As

59-As

60-As

61-As

62-As

63-As

64-As

65-As

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## USE OF HYDROMETER 6-CYLINDER ENGINE

## Benefit Of Testing Car Battery

Sulphuric acid is much heavier than water, and so a solution of sulphuric acid and water (as the electrode) will be heavier than water, and the greater the proportion of acid to water the heavier will be the solution.

When the electrolyte is first poured into the battery much of the sulphuric acid will be absorbed by the plates, and so the electrolyte becomes lighter in weight, the proportion of acid to water becoming less. As the battery is charged, however, the sulphuric acid is thrown out of the plates and into the electrolyte again, thus making the electrolyte heavier. As the battery is discharged the acid will again be absorbed and the electrolyte becomes lighter.

Here then, is a way in which to see how well charged the battery is—namely, by weighing the electrolyte.

## Weighing the Electrolyte

The best way to weigh the electrolyte is by means of a hydrometer. This is a glass tube made air-tight, having some lead shot as weight in the bottom and having a scale of numbers in the top.

The hydrometer is so weighted and proportioned that when placed in pure water it will sink to such a depth as to have the top of the water come to the 1,000-mark on the scale. The very top is the 1,000-mark of many hydrometers. If placed in a liquid heavier than water it will not sink so far, and the number to which the top of the liquid comes will give the weight of the liquid as compared to the weight of water. Thus, the liquid weighs 1.3 as much as water does.

So, then, to test a battery to see how the charge is, draw out some of the electrolyte and place it in a hydrometer. When the reading is:

1.275 to 1.300 battery is fully charged.

1.260 battery is 3/4 charged.

1.210 battery is 1/2 charged.

1.160 battery is 1/4 charged.

1.120 battery is discharged.

A special hydrometer syringe with which the electrolyte can be drawn out of the battery, and also containing the hydrometer, can be purchased at any accessory store and will prove a handy device to have.

While you can test a battery of dry cells with an ammeter you cannot do this in the case of a storage battery. In the first case the amperage is seldom over 22, while in the second case it will be so high as to burn out the instrument, there not being enough resistance.

## Filling With Water

The water of the electrolyte constantly decomposes and disappears in the form of a gas. For this reason, about once a week, you should fill the battery with distilled (not filtered) water. The hydrometer syringe referred to above is an excellent device for doing this. Filling with distilled water is extremely important if the battery is to have a long and efficient life.

Do not attempt to test the battery after filling with water.

Never put acid into the battery.

A storage battery can only be charged by a direct current and when charging the positive wire of the charging current must be connected to the positive of the battery and the negative to the negative. The voltage of the charging current should be somewhat greater than that of the battery, while the amperage should not be above one-tenth of the capacity.

When a battery is charged or discharged very quickly it will overheat, and this overheating may result in the plates warping. When the plates warp the paste will fall out of the grids. Not only will this prevent the battery from taking a charge, but it will short circuit the plates at the bottom. For this reason the battery must be charged slowly.

Using the starting motor for a considerable time at a stretch means a quick discharging of the battery and a possible overheating and warping. Therefore, if the engine does not start quickly, do not use the starter for long time, but get out and find out why the engine does not start.

Keep your battery clean. If the smallest quantity of iron or copper, etc., gets into the battery, an iron or copper sulphate will form on the plates, and so make them inactive.

Do not leave a battery standing in a discharged state for any length of time.

It is a good practice to wipe the terminals with a cloth on which there is little vaseline.

Acid must never be put into the battery. If the electrolyte is spilled by accident the battery must be filled with a solution of acid and water. It is best to let the battery man do this for you.

When the temperature of the battery is determined, the following table gives the approximate specific gravity of the electrolyte.

## Product of Guy Motors, Ltd.

ACROSS THE VELDT  
Test Of Transportation Tyres

Guy, Motors, Ltd., of Wolverhampton, have now produced a six-ton four-wheeler incorporating their latest type of six-cylinder engine. They have also produced a six-cylinder ten-tonner with side valves.

In addition their passenger models have been much improved. All are now equipped with a new and imposing radiator, and all the six-cylinder engines have a patent cylinder head which allows the compression ratio to be raised considerably, and increases the power output. The head is of aluminium and is very completely water jacketed. Aluminium pistons are also used.

The new FC type six tonner has a straight frame and forward control. The six-cylinder engine produces over 105 brake-horse power, and the auxiliaries are gear driven. The engine single plate clutch and the four-speed gear-box are carried in the Guy patent sub-frame which is itself mounted at three points in the main frame.

Drive and torque are taken by the gears, while the rear axle is of the floating type with overhead worm gear.

The two new six-wheelers introduced by this firm are also on show at Olympia. These are a six-ton six-cylinder trolley and a 50-70 scuter double decker developing 105 h.p.

The advantages claimed for the six-wheeler vehicle are the halving of the rear axle weight, the reduction of reactive resistance, elimination of wheel spin and the material reduction of skidding.

Also it is possible to introduce a lower centre of gravity.

The whole point about the engine in both models is their extreme accessibility. The carburettor and magneto are placed in a particularly handy position, and apart from this the cylinder heads can be taken off in a few minutes without interfering with the valve gear.

The outstanding mechanical features include a seven bearing crank shaft, the Guy patent valve system with inclined valves and cylinder heads, and four-speed gear box, while another Guy patent is represented by a flexible sub-frame.

The controls are also interesting in so far as the steering is of the cam and roller type, and the foot and hand brakes operate on the rear wheels and a vacuum-servo motor assists the foot brake.

## BRITISH RECORD

## Largest Contract Ever Made

The motoring correspondent of the "Daily Mail" wrote on November 7—I am able to reveal that on the eve of Commercial Motor Exhibition, which opens at Olympia, Kensington, W., to-day, a British firm had completed the largest contract ever made for the supply of commercial vehicles.

Morris Commercial Cars, Ltd., has contracted to supply commercial vehicles of its lighter types to the value of £3,541,750 to dealers. All these vehicles will be for the home market only.

Exclusive details of the new Morris commercial models were given in "The Daily Mail" on October 20. They have created a sensation owing to their novel lines. To simplify maintenance, the engine, radiator, and front axle and wheels can be removed as one unit, and a new unit run in so that the old one can be overhauled at leisure.

The show contains the most remarkable array of goods and passenger vehicles ever gathered under one roof. There are cars ranging from tiny delivery vans to huge omnibuses and coaches capable of carrying 60 passengers.

Some of the heavier lorries can carry enormous weights and are designed for special loads, which can only be taken along specified roads and at night.

Some of the coach bodies are most luxurious. They have been designed specially to appeal to women and are fitted with hand mirrors to each seat. Each passenger has plenty of room, and many coaches have folding tables and a kitchen.

Nearly all the vehicles in the show have private-car requirements. Shock absorbers are fitted to most, while one makes standardises a "twin top" gear box with a silent third speed.

## MOTOR COACHES

## Great Advance At Olympia

Matched against the sure-footedness of African lions and elephants, Fisk transportation tyres have won a marathon contest staged by the Martin Johnson African expedition lasting the better part of two and a half years. The race was run over the boundless wilderness of British East Africa and southern Abyssinia, where Mr. and Mrs. Johnson successfully sought miles of motion picture film and thousands of photographs to add to their already vast collections in the American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

"The two Knight-motored trucks which we used to pursue African wild animals were equipped with Fisk transportation tyres," said Mr. Johnson. "We started out of Nairobi, in British East Africa, and for eleven months our expedition followed the trails of animals; through Tanganyika, to Lake Paradise, along the Abyssinian border, back to Nairobi, over to Uganda, down to Tanganyika again, and once more into Nairobi. In all this time we did not have a puncture."

"We started out again from Nairobi on the same eight tyres that had carried us through our preceding expedition. For nine months more we hunted new game pockets in Tanganyika, shooting lions, elephants, giraffes, and many other animals with our cameras. Still the Fisk tyres held up. Finally, near the conclusion of this second expedition, one of the eight tyres went flat and was replaced by a spare."

## Longevity

Mr. Johnson smilingly confessed to every known crime against the longevity of pneumatic tyres. The one-ton American trucks usually carried a two-ton load, with half a dozen African porters piled on top. The drivers of the trucks were native blacks, who had never joined any societies for the prevention of cruelty to tyres. If the expedition had ever owned a tyre gauge, it was lost. The rubber side walls were torn off by chains and were not vulcanized. As for checking up the wheel alignments, even the terms of "camber," "caster," and "gather" were outside the expedition's vocabulary.

## Pig Holes?

"Any road in America is a boulevard by comparison with the routes we followed in Africa," said Mr. Johnson. "Across the veldt, bumping over and into rock, strewn gullies or 'dongs,' up the 14,000 foot Ndoto mountains where no motor car had ever been before, through rivers, into 'pig holes' and out again, we travelled. Exactly how many miles we covered cannot even be estimated, but for twenty months out of the two and a half years these eight tyres have been on our trucks, we travelled between 35 and 150 miles daily, practically all across the country."

After a few months in the States, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson returned to Africa, where for ten years they have spent most of their time. A native of Independence, Kan., Mr. Johnson has virtually dedicated his life to studying and photographing the rapidly vanishing wild animals of Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have achieved international recognition for their African explorations, and are equally well known as authors and lecturers.

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### INWARD MAILED

From	Per	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.
Shanghai and Amoy		Luchow
Amoy		Taklwa
Straits		Jeypore
Japan		Sydney Maru
Canada (Victoria, B.C., Nov. 23), U.S.A.		Empress of Asia
Japan and Shanghai		Fridays, December 13.
Japan		Dakar Maru
Japan and Shanghai		Hokone Maru
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14		Shantung
Shanghai and Swatow		Muroran Maru
Japan		Hongkeng

### OUTWARD MAILED

For	Per	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.
Manila		Empress of Asia ... 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia (except Thursday Island, Port Darwin and Cairns), and New Zealand via Brisbane		Sydney Maru (Due Brisbane, Dec. 27.)
Saigon		Registration, Dec. 12, 4.15 p.m.
Swatow		Letters ..... 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Shun Chih ..... 4.30 p.m.
Formosa		Kwonggang ..... 5 p.m.
Shanghai		FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.
Tourane		Tai Pao Sek ..... 12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles		Bendoran ..... 1.30 p.m.
Hakone Maru		Antenor ..... 2.30 p.m.
K.P.O.		Chung-Kong ..... 4.30 p.m.
Registration, Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.		
Letters		Chengtu ..... 8.30 a.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14		Taicer ..... 8.30 a.m.
Holloway, Pakhoi, Haiphong and Wuchow via Pakhoi		Due Victoria, B.C., Jan. 8, 1930 and "Europe via Siberia."
Japan and Victoria, B.C.		Registration, Dec. 14, 9.45 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta		Letters ..... 10.30 a.m.
Amoy		Taklwa ..... Dec. 14, 1930.
Parcels		Letters ..... 1 p.m.
Airmail		Airmail ..... 5 p.m.

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## CONVICTS MUTINY IN U.S. STATE PRISON

### GOVERNOR & WARDERS HELD AS HOSTAGES

#### TROOPS RESTORE ORDER

Auburn, New York, Yesterday. A serious riot has broken out in Auburn State Prison. The convicts are reported to be in complete control, holding the Governor in hostage. Police, firemen and troops are rushing to the scene.

Later.

Three convicts and one warden have been killed and one warden wounded. The outbreak is one of the most desperate for many years. A gang of long term convicts mutinied and shot the head keeper and seized the Governor and seven warders as hostages, whom they threatened to shoot dead if they were not granted the freedom of the prison.

Telephone wires have been cut, so it is impossible to communicate with the outside world, but eventually hundreds of State troopers, police, and National Guardsmen, equipped with the full panoply of war, were brought up and quelled the outbreak after four hours desperate fighting.

This is the second outbreak at Auburn in six months. In the course of the mutiny last July four warders were shot and two convicts killed.—Reuter's American Service.

Twelve Dead

New York, To-day. It is officially estimated that twelve are dead in the prison mutiny, six of whom were killed by machine guns.—Reuter's American Service.

### DRIZZLE OR MIST

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:

A feeble anti-cyclone is central over the Sea of Japan and a shallow depression over S.W. China.

Moderate to light variable winds over the N. China Sea with coastal fog.

Forecast:—E. or variable winds, moderate to light, generally overcast; some drizzle or mist.

THE AIR BASE

London, Later.

Mr. Mortague stated that so far £270,000 had been spent on the air base at Singapore. £300,000 was

## THE NAVAL BASE

### NO NEW ORDER FOR STOPPAGE

### BETTER OUTLOOK

### AIR BASE AND DOCK NOT AFFEFFECTED

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day, answering questions, Mr. Tom Shaw stated that the War Office had followed the Government's policy and had been slowing down and suspending work on the Singapore

Degrees
Temperature, 10 a.m., to-day ..... 67
Temperature, 4 p.m., yesterday ..... 68
Humidity, 10 a.m., to-day ..... 88
Humidity, 4 p.m., yesterday ..... 76

Base. No new orders had been given, and the work was retarded or suspended where possible.

THE FLOATING DOCK

Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord, said that the new floating dock at Singapore base had been utilised. It was not proposed to move it to some other port during the suspension period. The decision to suspend work on the base did not involve any transfer or discharge or the disbandment of any personnel directly controlled by the admiralty. No notice of suspension had been given to the contractors, but the Admiralty had been communicating with them in regard to slowing down. The decision to suspend work on the Singapore base did not involve the closing down of anti-Malaria measures in the neighbourhood of the base.

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## PLOT TO SMUGGLE ARMS TO CHINA

### BROKEN CASES BETRAYED GERMAN EX-OFFICERS

#### HEARD IN CAMERA

Berlin, Yesterday. Four merchants and two ex-officers are on trial in camera at Kiel on a charge of attempting to smuggle 8,000,000 rounds of ammunition into China in violation of the law prohibiting the export of war material. The case of ammunition, which came from the old Reichswehr stores, which were scrapped, were placed aboard a steamer at Kiel, marked "machinery." The plot was discovered owing to the case breaking and revealing its contents.—Reuter.

### DOMINION STATUS

Rugby, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day the Under-Secretary for the Dominions, Mr. D. Lunn, was asked whether any change in the status of the Dominion High Commissioners in London was proposed. He assumed that the question related to the functions to be performed by the High Commissioners in relation to the Government here. This was a matter for each of the Dominion Governments concerned.

His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom were most willing to accord to the High Commissioners in this respect whatever position their Governments might desire they should occupy.—British Wireless Service.

required for the completion of facilities, providing they would serve not only local defence, but the maintenance of British air communications in the Far East, shore trade, and the repair of equipment of air units allocated to the naval forces in those waters. The strength of the air forces, which would be normally maintained at Singapore, as at present contemplated, would be one squadron of land machines and one squadron of flying boats, excluding any fleet air arm units which might occasionally be disembarked there. No change would be made as a result of the decision to suspend work on the Naval base.—Reuter.

The Board of Directors of the China Light & Power Co. (1918), Ltd., have resolved to recommend at the annual meeting of the Company to be held on December 21, final dividend of nine per cent. in respect of the financial year ended September 30, 1929, making a total dividend for the year, including the interim dividend of 5 per cent. declared last March, of fourteen per cent. A final dividend of 9 per cent. will represent a return of 45 cents per share on the "Old Shares and 10.73 cents per share on the 1929-Issue Shares per share on July 5, 1929.

After payment of a final dividend of 9 per cent. the surplus profits, including the amount brought forward from last year, will amount to about \$100,000.

### A HEATED SCENE

French Premier And "Splitting Hairs"

Paris, Yesterday. A heated scene occurred in the Chamber during debate on the War Ministry estimates. M. Tardieu denounced the Left opposition for hair splitting and declared "If you want a battle, we accept it," on a subsequent division which the Premier said was a test of confidence. The Government had a majority only of 32.—Reuter.

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The auditors, Messrs. Price Waterhouse, Company, have been instructed to examine the position, and have now reported that the profits of the group in 1928, after payment of debenture and other interest, exceeded £3,400,000. The results of 1929 are expected to be very similar.

Reference is made to the ample provision in respect of depreciation, also the reserves, which exceed £7,000,000. A trade facilities loan of £2,550,000 to the R.M.S.P. Meat Transport, which the R.M.S.P. have guaranteed, is repayable in the autumn of 1930, and, as public attacks have at present rendered the issue impracticable, application is to be made for an extension of the period of repayment. Suspension of dividends, meanwhile, has been decided in order to conserve cash resources. There has recently been a very severe fall in R.M.S.P. stocks.—Reuter.

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